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Ready for School. Set for Life.

AGENDA ITEM: Government to Government Agreement FY2014

BACKGROUND: The Gila County Library District completed almost three years of operating this Early Literacy/Dolly Parton program. A new agreement is required for FY2014.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the government to government agreement with the Gila County Library District.

**Gila Regional Partnership Council
Parent Outreach and Awareness
Gila County Library District
GRA-RC004-14-0616-01**

Summary: One Government to Government Agreement. Total requested funds are \$65,000.00

Applicant	Amount Recommended by the Review Committee	Description of Program & Rationale for Council Recommendation
Gila County Library District	\$65,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale: Provides Parent Outreach and Awareness - Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program to children birth to five in Gila Region. • Brief Description: This program will continue the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for 1,800 children. The Gila County Library District will continue to encourage the existing “Every Child Ready to Read” and “Brain Time” early literacy programs in libraries that provide training to parents about the importance of early literacy development for children birth to five. Community Liaisons will conduct outreach in locations where parents of children ages birth to five might be found. All local libraries will participate including Globe, Miami, Payson, Pine/Strawberry, Hayden, Tonto Basin and Young. As an incentive and reward, children whose parents listen to the early literacy information will receive a book in the mail addressed to the child each month until the child turns five. Gila County Library District will persist in its collaborative efforts with the Gila County WIC program, Battered Women’s Shelters, Teen Pregnancy programs and local hospitals striving to reach as many parents/caregivers with the early literacy program. • Anticipated Outcomes: The grantee has successfully completed a similar three year grant cycle. As of March 31, 2013 the program was serving 1,724 children. 641 children have reached their fifth birthday and are no longer eligible for the program. The program has provided approximately 34,000 books during the first three years of operation to 2,348 children. The program plans to continue to serve children currently enrolled in the program until they reach their fifth birthday as well as continue to enroll children across the region. Currently approximately 80% of the eligible children are served by this program. Outreach efforts will focus on reaching parents of babies as well as children in hard to reach populations. The program will provide at least ten formal training sessions for parents/stakeholders regarding early literacy. In addition they will provide early literacy materials and one-on-one training for newly enrolled families. • Impacts: The program expects to serve 1,800 children distributing 21,600 books.

Summary Funding Information:

- Total Recommended Funding for the initial award period:
 - \$65,000.00 available in initial funding period
 - \$65,000.00 recommended funding for initial funding period

- Funding Cycle Information
 - Initial Funding Period: July, 2013 – June 30, 2014
 - 1st renewal period: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
 - 2nd renewal period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016