



FIRST THINGS FIRST

- AGENDA ITEM:** Strategy Increases and Contract Amendments for Regional Awards under Quality First!
- BACKGROUND:** The Board of First Things First recently approved more than \$16.6 million in Quality First! awards for the current fiscal year. These awards were distributed among three grantees based on the programmatic component each manages.
- In order to continue implementation with Quality First! enrolled child care providers, Regional monies originally budgeted to the Coaching grantees in FY 2010 must be carried forward. The maximum amounts to be carried forward are listed below.
- These monies being carried forward require Board approval because they must be added to current FY 2011 Quality First! strategies within each Regional Partnership Council's Funding Plan. In turn, staff will work quickly to amend each grantee's FY 2011 contract to include these funds.
- The amounts shown in the following page represent Quality First! incentives that were made available for FY 2010 to participating centers and homes. Providers are in different stages of implementation, and staff must ensure providers who have yet to expend a portion of the incentives available to them have those dollars moving forward.
- In order to continue with the implementation of each provider's Quality Improvement Plan, these Incentive amounts will be rolled forward to meet expenditures in FY 2011.
- RECOMMENDATION:** The first recommendation of staff is to modify each listed Council's Quality First! strategy by the *maximum* amount listed. The second recommendation is for approval of each listed amount as the *maximum* amount to be added to the appropriate grantee's FY 2011 award. Staff will report back to the Board on the Final amounts added to each strategy and each grantee's award once forthcoming estimates from the grantees are obtained.

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Strategy Increase for FY 2011 Quality First! Regional Incentive Dollars

Regional Partnership Council	Maximum Carry Forward Amount Added to FY 2011 QF! Strategy
Navajo Nation	115,000
Cochise County	97,500
Coconino	126,000
Gila	8,500
Graham/Greenlee	34,500
La Paz/Mohave	93,250
Maricopa Southwest	136,250
Maricopa Northwest	359,000
Maricopa Northeast	61,750
Maricopa Central	224,000
Maricopa Southeast	140,500
Phoenix North	251,250
Phoenix Central	212,500
Phoenix South	152,000
Pima North	165,250
Pima Central	330,000
Pima South	304,750
Pinal	192,000
Yavapai	93,250
Yuma	77,000
Tohono O'odham Nation	15,750
TOTAL	\$ 3,190,000

