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AGENDA ITEM:

Developmental and Sensory Screening Strategy

BACKGROUND:

In light of no applicants for the prior Care Coordination / Medical Home strategy, the Gila Regional Partnership Council created a Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy in May 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Regional Director is recommending review and approval of the government agreement.



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Janice Decker, Chair
First Things First Board
4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Dear Chair Decker,

The Gila Regional Partnership Council is seeking your approval to enter into an agreement with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Pinal County in the amount of \$30,000 for the Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy. This agreement is in response to the Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy approved by the Board as part of our SFY 2016 Regional Funding Plan.

The total amount of funding to be awarded under this agreement for SFY 2016 is \$30,000. The initial funding period is September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with potential renewal of the agreement based on performance and continuation of the strategy by the Regional Council. The potential renewal periods are as follows:

- 1st renewal period: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017
- 2nd renewal period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

The intent of the evidence based Developmental and Sensory Screening strategy is to support the practice of routine and age appropriate screening of young children living in the region. The expected result is early identification of a developmental delays, hearing or vision concerns, and referral for further evaluation if necessary. For the Gila Region, it will be a stand-alone strategy. There is a targeted service unit of 200 children to receive developmental, hearing and vision screenings during the year.

The goal of the Gila Regional Partnership Council is to ensure that all families in the Gila Region have the information and support they need to be effective parents by creating a coordinated network of services, as well as to educate the community on the importance of early childhood development and health through community awareness and outreach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Fernando Shipley
Gila Regional Partnership Council



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<i>Developmental and Sensory Screening: Description of Program</i>	<i>Geographic Area to be Served</i>	<i>Amount Recommended</i>	<i>Rationale for Recommendation</i>
<p>University of Arizona Cooperative Extension will work with child care providers (home based and center based) to train staff on proper use and scoring of the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE2. In addition to training child care staff, volunteers and on-call staff will conduct 2-4 large screening events per year as well as provide resource and referral to families that need additional services (including but not limited to AZEIP, school districts and medical staff). University of Arizona Cooperative Extension staff, volunteers and community partners will also work to provide vision and hearing screenings in the region as well.</p>	<p>Gila Region in its entirety (as reasonably possible)</p>	<p>\$30,000</p> <p>Estimated Budget Breakdown:</p> <p>Personnel and ERE: \$13,462</p> <p>Professional & Outside Services: \$2,400</p> <p>Travel: \$5,620</p> <p>Operating Expenses: \$5,791</p> <p>Non-Capital Sub Total: Admin Costs (Max FTF 10%): \$2,727</p> <p>Total Requested: \$30,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation: Award • Rationale: The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension is well situated to provide developmental and sensory screening services to the Gila Region in part because of its prior success in neighboring Pinal County as well as its current relationships and programming in the Gila Region. . • Target Service Numbers: 200 vision, hearing and developmental screenings completed