

**First Things First - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Other Federal Opportunities for Funding August 14, 2009**

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<b>Early Care and Education</b>					
Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)/Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)	\$51 million (including \$4.2 for quality improvement & infant/toddler care). Legislature appropriates. Distributed through DES, Child Care Admin. Separate CCDF funds flow directly to tribes from federal government.		Available through federal FY 2010. Anticipated that \$18.2 million will be used in FY2010 and \$14.4 million in FY2011 to maintain child care subsidy eligibility at 165% LFP.	Helped to maintain eligibility level at 165% FPL which had previously been cut by legislature to 110% FPL. Formula funded. Legislature must appropriate.	FTF responded with Emergency Child Care Scholarships for families on the DES waiting list and expanded opportunities for child care assistance to low income families with income up to 200% FPL. FTF staff participating in cross-agency workgroup to plan for spending quality improvement dollars.
Head Start and Early Head Start	Arizona to receive \$10.15 million .		Available through federal FY2010.	Half of ARRA funds is for cost of living adjustment; remaining is for quality such as staff compensation, additional staff, increasing program hours, and service to high risk children. Head Start funds distributed by formula; Early Head Start by application.	Includes funds for State Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) to develop better coordinated system of high quality early care and education. The First Things First Board will serve as the ECAC in AZ. \$2.3 million is available by application due by August 1, 2010 the State Head Start Collaboration Office. Funds also available to sponsor a forum on the role of Head Start in Quality First (\$6,500)
Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for Local Education Agencies (LEAs); Title I, Early Childhood Grants	Arizona to receive \$195 million.		Funds to be used for 27 month period beginning July, 2009 through September 2011.	2,847 children age 5 and younger (not in kindergarten) served in 2008 out of a total of 231,933 children served through Title I, Part A. ARRA applications will be accepted by ADE shortly. More funding could be directed at the ECE population. Formula funding.	FTF staff working with ADE to encourage LEAs to fund ECE. ADE reports increased interest and predicts higher numbers for 2009-2010 school year.
Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B.	Arizona to receive \$5.7 million dollars		Funds available through FT 2012.	Applications now being accepted by ADE. ARRA funds to be used per the need of each LEA including covering excess costs of programs. Can be used to fund more children, purchase equipment, materials, etc. Formula funded to state.	FTF Central Phoenix Region discussing role for expanding inclusionary classrooms.
Higher Education, Teacher Quality Partnership Grant	Grants in the amount of \$1 to \$2 million will be made.	Included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, this grant opportunity was unfunded until 2009.	Application submitted July 23 with interagency review to be completed by September 11, 2009. Award date not specified.	To improve the education level of teachers in order to improve child outcomes. Application. Note: There were 4 applications from Arizona, only one included early childhood education.	Must be applied for by a partnership of higher education and others. If the partnership includes early childhood programs, must use the grant for mentoring and coaching and compensation initiatives for educators obtaining and associate or baccalaureate degree. Application submitted July 23 by ADE.

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<b>Race to the Top Fund (State Incentive Grant fund)</b>	TBD		Proposed priorities released for public comment on July 24, 2009. Application: Phase one - late 2009; Phase 2 - spring 2010.	5 Priorities: 1) Four education reforms 2) Science, technology and mathematics. 3) Statewide longitudinal data systems (includes early childhood programs and special education). 4) K-20 coordination and vertical alignment (includes early childhood). 5) School -level reform. Application to be signed by Governor, the chief school officer and president of state board of ed.	FTF Executive Director asked to join the re-established P-20 Council. FTF could be a partner in priorities 3 and 4. Role is being explored.
<b>Health</b>					
<b>IDEA, Part C for Infants and Toddlers (AzEIP)</b>	Arizona will receive nearly \$10 million.		\$4.9 million in 2009 and the balance in FY2010	Services include physical, occupational and speech/language therapies. Can be used for data systems between ADOA and AzEIP. Under section 619, states may continue early intervention services until children enter kindergarten. Formula funding.	FTF funds early screening likely leading to earlier delay identification. FTF funds physician outreach and education around early identification of delays.
<b>Other</b>					
<b>State Fiscal Stabilization Funds</b>	\$1.017 billion with \$832 million for education stabilization.		Through FY2010	To advance essential education reforms to benefit students from early learning through post-secondary education. \$186 million in discretionary dollars is available and Governor Brewer has identified four priority areas for that funding including education reform; health care and children's programs; public safety; and innovation, technology and economic development. Requires application.	FTF can work with the governor's office to encourage funding be allocated to early childhood development programs..
<b>Emergency Food Assistance</b>	\$2 million plus \$496,020 to cover administrative costs		Through FY2010	Commodities for food banks. Formula funded.	FTF is providing emergency food boxes statewide to families with children under 5.
<b>Child Tax Credit</b>	TBD		FY 2009 and 2010	Increases eligibility for refundable tax credit in 2009 and 2010 up to 15% of earned income in excess of \$3,000 for low-income families. Individual tax return.	FTF could facilitate awareness through state and regionally funded programs.
<b>Earned Income Tax Credit</b>	TBD		FY 2009 and 2010	Expands EITC amount for low-income families with 3 of more children. Individual tax return.	FTF could facilitate awareness through state and regionally funded programs.

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Food Stamp (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance) Program	\$381 million in benefits and \$6.8 million in administration.		Through FY2013.	13.6% increase to maximum benefit allowance. Benefits roughly 721,000 participants. For every \$1 spent, \$1.84 is generated in economic activity. Entitlement.	FTF could facilitate awareness through state and regionally funded programs.