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Emergency Child Care Scholarships Tribal Exceptions

The Emergency Child Care Scholarships were initially made available to all 31 Regional Partnership Councils as approved by the FTF Board of Directors in the February 2009 meeting. During the May 1, 2009 Board meeting, Board members approved exceptions for the Salt River Pima Maricopa, Cocopah and Hualapai Regional Partnership Councils because the related Tribes lacked a mechanism to use the scholarships since their programs do not require a significant parental financial contribution for child care. Since that time, the Navajo Nation and Pascua Yaqui Regional Partnership Councils have also requested exemptions for the same reason. The dollar amounts specific to each Region are:

Navajo Nation	\$652,911
Pascua Yaqui	\$ 29,192

In order to allow the Navajo Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to use their portion of the discretionary dollars initially set aside for the scholarships to meet their unique needs, it is recommended that those funds be removed from the contract with Valley of the Sun United Way. VSUW is amenable to this amendment. The funds would then be made available to the Navajo Nation Regional Council and to the Pascua Yaqui Regional Council to redistribute to strategies that best meet their needs. If the amount available is used to increase the amount toward an existing funding plan strategy, it is not necessary for the Partnership Council to ask for Board approval to do so. Should they develop a new strategy with this funding, Board approval would be required to amend their funding plan.