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Steven W. Lynn, Chairman

First Things First

4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800

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Dear Chairman Lynn:

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council is presenting one line item adjustment for consideration of approval for SFY 2012.

On August 18, 2011 the Cochise Regional Partnership Council discussed in detail the need for additional dollars in the Program Evaluation Line. The Evaluation Division of First Things First recommended an increase in the amount of \$40,000 for an independent evaluation of the Family Support /Home Visitation program to examine the effectiveness and outcomes of Home Visitation in the Cochise Region. To fully evaluate Family Support /Home Visitation, with over eight agencies represented and over 750 families served, the allocation will need to be increased from the current amount of \$50,000 to \$90,000.

The Cochise Regional Council is respectfully requesting the Board to approve a Regional Evaluation Line Item in the amount of \$90,000 taken from the carry forward line. Please note that the financial spreadsheet shows the Regional Council is over allotted with this request. This is due to the close out of SFY2011 not being final. Current unexpended funds in SFY2011 are approximately \$1,467,746.00 and this amount will carry forward once SFY2011 is closed by the end of this month.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dave Howe, Chair

Cochise Regional Partnership Council