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CENTRAL MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

FOOD INSECURITY

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC010-11-0263-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST CENTRAL MARICOPA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FOOD INSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM?

The Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council is seeking applications from providers aimed at addressing food insecurity among families with children birth through age five who are at risk for hunger. Different food banks across the state are currently use varying methods and criteria for determining eligibility for food assistance. Generally, food assistance is not limited to families living in poverty. It is also available to low income families and to families experiencing crises such as unemployment. Applicants are required to identify existing eligibility criteria and how eligibility is determined. It is not the intent of First Things First to establish new eligibility requirements beyond those currently used by providers. However, First Things First is only interested in applicants who propose strategies aimed at addressing the hunger needs of families with children ages birth through age five who are at-risk of hunger. Evidence of how Applicants will ensure that such a population is targeted must be present in the proposal in order for it to be considered.

The Regional Council is interested in a variety of proposals aimed at addressing food insecurity among families of children ages birth through age five at risk for hunger. Expanded provision of food boxes for families of children birth through five is one such strategy. However, other potential strategies will also be considered. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Distribution of a supplemental food packages for children ages birth through five and their families to accompany existing food box distribution
- Bulk purchases of food products or products such as diapers that can be distributed to families through existing distribution efforts, such as provision of food boxes
- Distribution of infant boxes containing formula, diapers, infant food, or other such commodities to families with young children

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$50,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

March 3, 2010	RFGA available on-line
March 15, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 10:30 a.m. Guadalupe Town Hall (Council Chambers) 9241 South Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, Arizona 85283
April 15, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 3:00 p.m.
July 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 3, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include RFGA # FTF-RC010-11-0263-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.