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COCHISE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC002-11-0293-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST COCHISE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM?

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council has developed a strategy to expand early education and classroom experience for four and five year old children through a Pre-Kindergarten program. High quality early childhood services are strongly linked to both academic and life-skills success among children, especially those from families with several risk factors such as low income, low education levels of parents/caregivers, etc.

Successful Applicants will demonstrate the capacity to:

- Be inclusive of children with special developmental or healthcare needs
- Identify outreach, recruitment, and engagement and retention practices for participants/families
- Ensure that the program uses developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching practices that enhance each child's learning, development, and school preparedness
- Organize and coordinate parent workshops and parent education activities. Provide parents information on the importance of being actively involved in their child's education
- Provide parents resources and supplies that will allow them the ability to continue educating their child in the home
- Be familiar with other services in and outside the region in order to make necessary referrals
- Demonstrate program effectiveness and participate in data collection and reporting of performance measures
- Enroll eligible children, in order of qualified application

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$100,000 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 August 1, 2010 - to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 7, 2010	RFGA available on-line
April 14, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 12:00 p.m. at the Sierra Vista Library, 2600 East Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635
May 21, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 11:00 a.m.
August 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 April 7, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC002-11-0293-00** 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.