



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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### **GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**

#### **FOOD INSECURITY**

#### **REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION**

#### **RFGA # FTF-RC005-11-0276-00**

#### **FACT SHEET**

### **WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FOOD INSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM?**

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The Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership has identified the need to address food insecurity among families with children ages birth through age five. Research has shown that even moderate under-nutrition, the type seen most frequently in the United States, can have lasting effects on the brain development of children. According to the Center on Hunger and Poverty, inadequate nutrition is a major cause of impaired cognitive development, and is associated with increased educational failure among impoverished children.

In Arizona, 15 percent of families report that their children skipped meals because there was not enough money for food. Twenty-eight percent of the families within the past year had to choose between buying food and paying for medical care. Forty-one percent of the families within the past year had to choose between buying food and paying for utilities.

The Graham/Greenlee 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.

## **WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?**

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Approximately \$10,000 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**

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March 3, 2010	RFGA available on-line
March 12, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 10:30 a.m. Graham County General Services Building 921 Thatcher Blvd, Safford, Arizona, 85546
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**

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

## **QUESTIONS?**

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All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC005-11-0276-00** 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](mailto:grants@azftf.gov) or via fax at (602) 265-0009.