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Mental Health Consultation Administration

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

FTF-STATE-10-0231-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION RFGA?

The intent of the statewide Mental Health Consultation Administrative Home is to: 1) Provide oversight for the provision of quality mental health consultation within First Things First Regions including reflective supervision, mentoring and coaching; 2) provide continuing education and skill building to mental health consultants serving First Things Firsts Regions; 3) implement a tuition support program to increase the number of mental health professionals that have the knowledge and skills to help child care professionals, families and other early childhood professionals in the community support the mental health and social-emotional development of children birth through age five; 4) Lead the effort to establish a well trained Mental Health Consultation (MHC) workforce in Arizona in accordance with the First Things First standards of practice for mental health consultation.

The relative newness of the infant-toddler mental health field results in a limited supply of licensed mental health clinicians (psychiatrist, psychologists, clinical social workers, mental health therapists) , and social service and early education professionals that have specialized expertise to work with infants, toddlers and their families. This shortage impacts the availability of therapists prepared to serve the needs of young children and their parents in many communities throughout the state.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

This is a seven (7) month contract with an option for renewal for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods. Total funds available are approximately \$290,000 inclusive of \$25,000 for tuition reimbursement and continuing education for the first funding period. In addition to the statewide effort; some Regional Partnership Councils have identified strategies to participate at this time and there is an expectation that other Regional Partnership Councils may build on these statewide and region efforts with additional funding through approved Funding Plans in the future as well as existing participating Regional Partnership Councils may expand services.

First Things First reserves the right not to award the entire amount of available funds or to award an amount that is greater than the posted available funds. Renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. In order to ensure adequate coverage of First Things First requirements, it is anticipated that a single award will be made. Multiple awards may be made, but a single award is expected.

The Regional Partnership Council(s) that included funding strategies for Mental Health Consultation at \$100,000 estimate per Child Care Health Consultant inclusive of staffing, employee related expenses, materials, travel, supplies, and other costs to be administered through this RFGA include the following for six months in the first funding period:

- Northeast Maricopa (3 positions)
- Southeast Maricopa (5.5 positions)
- Central Phoenix (5 positions)
- South Phoenix (9 positions)
- Yavapai (2 positions)
- Pinal (2 positions)
- North Pima (.5 position)
- Central Pima (5 positions)

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

September 14, 2009	RFGA available on-line
September 22, 2009	Pre-application Conference First Things First, 8 th floor Board Room, 10:00am - 12:00pm. at 4000 N. Central Ave., Ste. 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012
October 27, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 3:00 pm
December 9, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after September 14, 2009:

<http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **FTF-STATE-10-0231-00** 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.