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**NAVAJO NATION REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
REGULATING FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
RFGA # FTF-RC001-11-0266-00
FACT SHEET**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST NAVAJO NATION REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULATION FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES GRANT PROGRAM?

This grant will fund an administrative home to work with new and existing child care homes in order to help providers improve the safety of the child care environment, enhance the quality of the care they provide, and become regulated.

The key elements of this strategy include:

- Support and training to new and existing child care homes, working toward compliance with the “Minimum Standards for Tribal Child Care, A Health and Safety Guide” (Exhibit A) and the requirements of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Support and funding of costs associated with child care homes attaining an Indian Health Sanitation Permit and a Navajo Nation Business Application.
- Support for continued quality improvement through application for Quality First and increased awareness and involvement with professional development opportunities.

The intended target population of this funding opportunity is new and existing, unregulated child care homes serving children birth through five years of age.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$275,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide a 20% funding match (may be in-kind). 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 26, 2010 | Pre-Application Conference First Things First, Quality Inn Office Complex, at 2:00 p.m. (Navajo Nation Time – 1:00 p.m. Arizona MST) at 48 West Highway 264, Suite 207, Window Rock, Arizona 86515 |
| April 20, 2010 | Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 4:00 p.m. (Navajo Nation Time – 3:00 p.m. Arizona MST). |
| 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-RC001-11-0266-00** 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.