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**PINAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
RFGA # FTF-RC019-10-0253-00
FACT SHEET**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST PINAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM?

The Pinal Regional Partnership Council had identified the need for regional opportunities to provide high quality, best practice, and community-based professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of those working with children birth through age five.

The programs should target the early childhood development workforce, including care providers, teachers, directors, and others working directly with children birth through age five and their families. The intended target population of this funding opportunity is early care and education staff and program administrators.

The Strategy Components must include both:

- a. High Quality Community Based Trainings by a Master Early Care and Education (ECE) Trainer – Trainings will be provided region wide. Training will target under and un-served areas of the region. The programs should target a variety of child care providers within underserved and un-served areas in the Pinal Regional area to include the Ak-Chin Tribal Community, Coolidge, Eloy, Maricopa, Oracle, San Manuel, San Tan Valley, and Superior.
- b. Directors' Master Trainer/ Training Coordinator – To provide professional development consultation through mentoring, planning, coordination, and referral to early care and education administrators. This component will serve programs not participating in Quality First and/or other First Things First quality improvement strategies. The Director's Master Trainer is to serve at least 40 program administrators that represent 50 early care and education centers / regulated homes.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

The total available funding for the period from May 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (14 months) is approximately \$292,000. Requested funding must be proposed for two contract periods including a two (2) month contract from May 1 through June 30, 2010 and a twelve (12) month contract from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The estimate of funding that is available for the 2-month contract period is approximately \$42,000 with the amount estimated for the 12-month portion beginning on July 1, 2010 being approximately \$250,000.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

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| February 3, 2010 | RFGA available on-line |
| February 8, 2010 | Pre-application Conference 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. First Things First, 1515 East Florence Boulevard, Suite 110 Casa Grande, AZ 85222 |
| March 17, 2010 | Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 10:30 a.m. |
| May 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 February 3, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC019-10-0253-00** 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.