



FIRST THINGS FIRST

The right system for bright futures

**STATEWIDE
QUALITY FIRST COACHING AND INCENTIVES
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
RFGA #FTF-STATE-12-0336-00
FACT SHEET**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS STATEWIDE QUALITY FIRST COACHING AND INCENTIVES GRANT PROGRAM?

First Things First will fund the successful Applicants(s) to implement components of Quality First, a voluntary comprehensive Quality Improvement and Rating System for early care and education programs serving children five years and younger that are not in kindergarten. Quality First is designed to improve the quality of Arizona's early care and education programs so that young children can begin school safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

The goal of this funding opportunity is to provide on-site, individualized coaching and consultation to participating center and homes enrolled in Quality First. The successful Applicant(s) will implement individualized coaching services to support quality improvement activities through reflective strategies that consist of joint planning, program observation, consultation and technical assistance. The successful Applicant(s) will also integrate coordination and collaboration of Quality First components as well as identified First Things First strategies. Additionally, the successful Applicant(s) will manage the distribution of the Quality First incentives and support programs through the quality rating process.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

This is a twelve (12) month contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Total funds available are approximately **\$15,151,600.00** with a total of \$6,094,600.00 for Administration and Coaching activities that includes \$1,934,400.00 for State funded slots and \$4,160,200.00 for Regionally funded slots in addition to \$9,057,000.00 total for Quality First incentives for enrolled programs which includes \$2,899,250.00 for State funded Quality First slots incentives and \$6,157,750.00 for Regionally funded Quality First slots incentives. One or multiple awards may be made.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2011 - to June 30, 2012.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

March 16, 2011	RFGA available on-line
April 28, 2011	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 3:00 p.m.
July 1, 2011	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 16, 2011: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include RFGA # FTF-STATE-12-0336-00 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.