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WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

EARLY LITERACY

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC028-11-0287-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL EARLY LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM?

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation of strategies to expand the capacity of existing early language and literacy programs or create new early literacy and language programs to provide literacy development supports and services to young children and their families in their communities.

It is expected that literacy programs funded by First Things First will offer a comprehensive program to the families they serve and that all elements from the stated Standards of Practice be incorporated into the proposed service. Successful implementation will include a focus on connecting literacy support and development efforts to families where they spend time, such as child care centers, public spaces, doctors' offices, community centers, libraries, etc. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of adult learning principles. The intensity of this model is typically less intense than services provided in a home setting, however it is expected that this service is not a one-time only event for families.

Family participation in family literacy services will be voluntary and must be provided free of charge to the family. Programs should make accommodations and adaptations for children and adults with special needs or disabilities. This funding is intended to allow existing literacy development programs to expand their services, allowing them to expand to target populations they do not currently serve, including the delivery of services to un-served or underserved geographic areas, and/or to establish new programs that provide services across communities. Programs funded through this grant opportunity must use a curriculum that is evidence/research-based and founded on proven literacy development practices in addition to being culturally and linguistically relevant to the community served.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$200,000 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 August 1, 2010 - to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 7, 2010	RFGA available on-line
April 28, 2010	Pre-Application Conference 9:00 a.m. at the Whiteriver Unified School District, District Office Training Room, 936 South Chief Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941
May 19, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 2:00 p.m.
August 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 April 7, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # RC028-11-0287-00** 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.