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AGENDA ITEM: Regional Partnership Councils recommended Government Agreements and Procurement Awards.

BACKGROUND: The attached table provides information on the strategies being implemented by government agreements and procurement awards. The table includes recommendations for 2011 funding plans for the Navajo Nation, South Pima, North Phoenix, Cochise, Southwest Maricopa, Yavapai, and Gila River Indian Community Regional Councils in the amount of $915,940.

RECOMMENDATION: FTF staff recommends approval of these agreements.

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Recommended Government Agreements and Procurement Awards
September 27-28, 2010

Government Agreements: $ 914,090		
Regional Councils with Professional Development Strategies: Early Care and Education		
Regional Partnership Council	**Strategy Summary**	**Agreement**
Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council	Professional Development Scholarships non-TEACH: Recruitment into the early childhood care and development field using scholarships as a financial incentive. The scholarship fund will support progress towards CDA in an early childhood education or development related field.	Government to government agreement with Northland Pioneer College in the amount of $120,344 Two cohorts each with 15 students Agreement Period: 10/1/10 – 6/30/11
Regional Councils with Strategies to Increase Health		
North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council	Adding a specifically trained Child Care Health Consultant to be responsible for performing hearing screenings in regulated child care centers and making referrals for evaluation when indicated. Screening equipment will also be purchased and maintained by the grantee.	Government to Government agreement with Maricopa County Department of Public Health in the amount up to $163,041 for a Child Care Health Consultant – Hearing Screener Service number: 1,875 children in 40 community child care and education centers Agreement period: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Cochise Regional Partnership Council	Oral Health: Increase children's access to preventive dental care by expanding oral health screenings, applying fluoride varnishes and referring children for follow-up treatment.	Government to government agreement with U of A Cooperative Extension in the amount not to exceed $200,000 Oral health: 3,000 to 5,000 children Agreement Period: 10/1/10 – 6/30/11

Coc. . Regional Partnership Council	Health and Nutrition: Collabora.. with state and community based organizations to provide outreach, education and guidance on nutrition and prevention of childhood obesity.	Government to government agreement with U of A Cooperative Extension in the amount not to exceed $168,552 Health and Nutrition: 750 to 1,000 families Agreement Period: 10/1/10-6/30/11
Regional Partnership Councils with Strategies to Increase Quality, Access or Affordability of Early Care and Education		
South Pima Regional Partnership Council	Expand the number early care and education centers/homes in the community of Ajo by providing a planning grant to: gauge the need and demand for child care; assess the feasibility of success including community support and need for additional funding for building modification/expansion/ construction.	Government to government agreement with Pima County - Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation, including a sub-contract with Pro Neighborhoods to carry out the work in the amount of $77,153 Expansion: Increase slots in regulated classrooms/homes and capital through one planning grant targeting the community of Ajo Agreement Period: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Regional Partnership Councils with Family Support Strategies		
Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council	Enhance the capacity of the Gila Bend Unified School District's Community Resource Center to serve families with children birth through five in Gila Bend. The Community Resource Center will provide access to information and support necessary to strengthen family and community life, enhance the healthy development of children through activities and provide health insurance outreach and enrollment assistance.	Government to Government agreement with Gila Bend Unified School District amount of $150,000 Service Number: 1,000 families/children within the age of 0-5 Agreement Period: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council	Expand outreach to all new parents that will increase parenting skills while reducing the incidence of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Efforts will reach and inform all new parents in birthing hospitals and foster parents across the Yavapai Region about the National Never Shake a Baby Program. Hospital personal are trained to provide education and deliver materials to the parents.	Grant agreement with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona in the amount up to $5,000 Service number: 2,000 new parents Agreement period: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Regional Partnership Co. .cils with Coordination Strategies		
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council	Support and expand community collaboration for early childhood services within the United Way Community Impact project. Funding will support service gaps through project strategies that promote the wellness and development of newborn to kindergarten aged children and their families. Community Impact projects include but are not limited to food insecurity, parent education workshops and trainings, and pre-school activities.	Grant agreement with United Way of Yavapai County in the amount up to $30,000 Service number: 380 parents of young children as well as 60 young children and their families across the Yavapai Region Agreement period: October 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Procurement: $1850		
Gila River Regional Partnership Council	Conference Scholarships: Professional Development and Parent Education through community conferences and out of region conference scholarships. Gila River's Infant Toddler Mental Health Conference is a collaborative effort between the First Things First Gila River Regional Partnership Council, Gila River Health Care and the Harris Institute aimed at increasing knowledge around early childhood development. The target audience for the conference is health, early childhood and family support professionals Through collaboration with local and nonprofit agencies the Gila River Regional Partnership Council was able to leverage limited funding to create a high quality training for 50+ professionals working with children and families in the *Gila River Indian Community* and *Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.*	Grant Agreement w/ Arizona Children's Association in the amount of $1,850 Service Numbers: 75 health and early education professionals The agreement with Arizona Children's Association is to pay 1 trainer for the conference. Agreement period: September 30- October1