

Court Team for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers
SFY 2013 Grant Agreement Recommendations for the La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

GRA-RC006-13-0537-01

Applicant	Amount Recommended	Description of Program & Rationale for Recommendation
Mohave County Superior Court Juvenile Division	\$400,000	<p>Recommendation: This government to government agreement is recommended for award.</p> <p>Rationale: The Mohave County Superior Court is the current FTF-grantee providing the Court Team in the region. The SFY 2013 proposal and prior performance demonstrate the necessary existing capacity, partnerships and infrastructure to implement the program as described are already in place. Existing staff are highly qualified and contracted service units have consistently been exceeded under the current contract. The implementation plan and plan to use data to continuously improve program quality are comprehensive and detailed.</p> <p>Brief Description: Under the judicial leadership of the Mohave County Presiding Juvenile Judge, the Court Team for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers will serve 200 children ages birth through five who enter the juvenile court system in the region, including the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, and a minimum of 300 service providers. The team will first raise awareness in the region of the large number of maltreated and abandoned infants and toddlers with the accompanying need for community support. Second, the team will continue a monthly Steering Committee meeting with directors of community agencies to ensure case plans, visitations and court proceedings function in a timely and evidence-based manner to lessen trauma to the target population. Third, the team will work with foster parents on training for specific behavioral and emotional needs to support healthy development. Fourth, the team will focus on professional developmental for all professionals working with the birth through five population. Trainings will bring the latest strategies and proven methods to the region where agencies can use them to improve and change existing procedures. The Court Team also will utilize a child checklist for every child entering the court system and continue to improve the checklist as information that would be helpful in court decisions is identified. Fifth, the team will collaborate with community organizations by continuing to meet at least monthly, sending professionals to conferences, and bringing expert presenters to the region. Lastly, the team will continue to analyze data from regional, state and national sources to identify necessary adjustments to meet the team’s objectives and the needs of targeted infants and toddlers.</p>

Funding Information

Total Recommended Funding for the initial award period:

- \$ 400,000 available in initial funding period
- \$ 400,000 recommended funding for initial funding period
- \$ 400,000 in requests from one application received

Funding Cycle Information

- Initial Funding Period: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
- 1st renewal period: July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014
- 2nd renewal period: July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015