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Agenda Number: HLT-- 2959

GRA-STATE-16-0785-01-Y2 Amendment #3

Recommendation: We respectfully request your approval of this grant. This is the renewal of a cost-reimbursement grant in the total amount of \$100,020 for FY 2017.

Background: In November 2006, in a statistical landslide, Arizona voters passed Proposition 203; a citizen's initiative that funds quality early childhood development and health. Designed to be a voluntary system of early care and education, Proposition 203 included the following principles:

- * Local communities must come together to plan and administer what works best in their community.
- * It must be flexible enough to accommodate the unique demographics of our state.
- * It must be transparent and held accountable for outcomes.

With its passage, the Proposition created a new state level board known as the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board. The Board subsequently adopted the name First Things First as an uplifting reference to the voter-enacted initiative, and to exemplify the importance of early childhood.

This grant has provided Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs) to child care family home centers school facilities in the county for the last six years. CCHCs are specially trained RNs who provide guidance on health and safety issues such as communicable disease, sanitation and disinfecting practice, immunization, safe playgrounds and play areas, behavior issues, staff health, CPR and First Aid training, ensure a system of communication with anyone involved in the child's care, assist with policy development and keep the centers current on Arizona rules and regulations and quality standards for childcare, educate children, their family members and childcare providers about child development, mental and physical health, nutrition and physical activity needs, as well as oral health. They also link staff, families and children with community health resources and help families to establish a medical home, meaning providers who the family can turn to with medical needs, instead of not addressing them, or utilizing the Emergency Department for clinic needs.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources:

Net county subsidy is \$35,546, calculated as follows:

Salaries/EREs	78,163
A-87 OH at 49.06%	38,347
Authorized OH	2,801
Net County Subsidy	<u>35,546</u>

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Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up:

Respectfully ask for approval from the Board of Supervisors to ensure that these services continue.

Impact of Not Approving: The services listed (and other not listed) would come to an end. Registered Nurses would not provide health and safety guidance in many areas to the childcare centers in Cochise County.