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Emerging Critical Needs Funding Request

Supporting Documents

Overview:

The Emerging Critical Needs Policy (F5C-022) was approved by the Commission in January 2010 and a specific line item was created in the FY 2010-11 Budget. The intent of the Emerging Critical Needs policy is to designate flexible funding to *“projects that address the most critical gaps in the safety net for young children and families.”* This funding supports the Commission’s Strategic Plan to provide funding for a *“targeted response to critical needs emerging from state and local economic conditions.”* The revised policy (approved in April 2012) allows emerging critical needs funding for an organization for up to three years. They can re-apply for up to three-years if the needs still exist. The revised policy also adds new requirements for programs to incorporate strategies to support *Live Well, San Diego!*. Additionally, First 5 San Diego seeks opportunities to support programs where funding can be leveraged or matched, therefore, maximizing our investment.

The request before the Commission is to approve Emerging Critical Needs funding for five programs: Mi Escuelita; San Diego Adolescent Pregnancy & Parenting Program; Black Infant Health; Developmental Screening & Enhancement Program; and, Five and Fit.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Find that the proposed Emerging Critical Needs allocation to support the programs indicated below is consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan, further supports and improves early childhood development within the County and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Receive and approve recommendations from the (Independent Review Committee and TPAC), and approve funding to be allocated from the Emerging Critical Needs line in each fiscal year’s budget, for the contracts listed in Item 1-1 for the amounts and fiscal years shown.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to negotiate a project length budget to execute a contract with each contractor approved in recommendation 2 above.

Fiscal Impact:

A total of \$15,800,481 will be authorized from the Emerging Critical Needs budget line over the next three fiscal years: FY 2012 – 13 for \$5,255,747, FY 2013 – 14 for \$5,256,832, and FY 2014 – 15 for \$5,287,902.

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