

Joint Funding Partnerships 2011/12

FUNDING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

<p>1. FUNDING APPROACH</p>	<p>First 5 Merced County partners with local organizations with the aim of: 1) Leveraging additional (non-First 5) funds and services in Merced County to maximize the benefit for children 0-5 years and their families; and, 2) increasing the degree of coordination of funding and services that are supported across different funding streams.</p>
<p>2. COMPONENTS, INTENT, AND SCOPE</p>	<p>Focus for the 2011/12 program will include three primary modes of joint funding partnerships:</p> <p>1. Joint Grantmaking</p> <p>First 5 partners with local philanthropic and/or other grant-making entities that provide funds to local organizations to provide services that benefit children 0-5 years and their families (consistent with the First 5 vision and mission).</p> <p>For grant applications selected by a funding partner for an award-- which propose services that align with the mission and vision of First 5 Merced County--First 5 will offer funds to supplement (not supplant) the funding partner's funds, in order to expand the total amount of funds available.</p> <p>The amount of First 5 funds will be based on a matching ratio to be determined on a case-by-case basis (e.g., \$1 First 5 dollar for each \$2 from a funding partner).</p> <p>2. Local Cash Match Commitments</p> <p>First 5 partners with local organizations and agencies that are applying for (non-First 5) funding for services that will benefit children 0-5 years and their families and align with the First 5 vision and mission.</p> <p>In instances in which a (non-First 5) funder: 1) Requires a local cash match by an applicant in order to be eligible for funding consideration OR, 2) states that availability of a local cash match will directly strengthen the competitiveness of the application (e.g., the funder identifies the availability of local funds as a criterion by which applications are assessed), First 5 may offer funds through this funding program. If an application is subsequently selected for funding, First 5 funds will be provided to supplement the awarded funds, not supplant them. The amount of First 5's cash match would be determined on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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	<p>3. First 5 Augmentation Funding</p> <p>First 5 partners with organizations and funders to augment or expand (non-First 5) funded efforts so they provide benefit, or added benefit to, children 0-5 years and their families and are in alignment with the First 5 vision and mission.</p> <p>First 5 funds would be provided, for example, in instances in which significant funding has been secured and work efforts are underway or being planned, when doing so would enable the effort to bring benefit to children 0-5 years and their families that would otherwise be lost.</p> <p>First 5 would capitalize on the momentum and external funding available, and with augmentation funds, assure inclusion of benefit to children in ways consistent with the mission and vision of First 5.</p>
<p>2. FUNDING AVAILABILITY</p>	<p>Total available for fiscal year: Up to \$32,500.00</p> <p>Maximum per partnership: Determined on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The number of Joint Funding Partnerships to be supported is difficult to predict since they are dependent on the opportunities emerging from the community. An estimate of 3-5 partnerships may be expected in the 2011/12 year.</p>
<p>3. FUNDING CYCLES</p>	<p>Opportunities for Joint Funding Partnerships will be entertained continuously throughout the year and reviewed on a case-by-case basis for possible presentation and action by the Commission at its regular monthly meetings.</p>
<p>4. PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, APPLICATION PROCESS & REVIEW</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Descriptive information on the availability of Joint Funding Partnership opportunities will be developed and disseminated throughout the county, consistent with the funding guidelines and criteria approved by the Commission. 2. Potential partnership opportunities will be explored that are raised by interested parties in the community, and proactively sought out (unsolicited) when identified by the Commission, First 5 staff, First 5's Technical Professional Advisory Committee, etc. 3. Consultation on Potential Partnerships: Consultation regarding prospective partnerships and the Joint Funding Partnerships program will be available continuously throughout the year upon request. 4. Application Deadline: No deadlines will be identified for this funding program. Potential partnerships will be considered on a continuous basis.

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	<p>5. The operational details of prospective partnerships will be developed jointly by First 5 staff and the partnering entity and will vary depending on the type of partnership proposed, and according to the case-by-case details of each opportunity.</p> <p>6. Commission approval: Action by the Commission shall be required to approve any Joint Funding Partnerships.</p> <p>7. Since partnerships will be entertained on a continuous basis, opportunities to partner will be accommodated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis until allocated funds are exhausted/committed, if applicable.</p> <p>8. Criteria for entering into Joint Funding Partnerships shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A potential partnership’s fulfillment of the goals, guidelines, and intent of the Joint Funding Partnerships program. • Degree to which the potential partner and the proposed services are mission-aligned with First 5 Merced County. • A potential partner’s status as an organization in good-standing and its capacity to fulfill the commitments and terms of the partnership. • Degree of need for, and likely benefit of (or added benefit of), services provided through the partnership for children 0-5 years and their families. • Amount of non-First 5 funds available to complement First 5 dollars. • Provision of funding that will supplement and not supplant other available funds.
<p>5. AGREEMENT</p>	<p>Agreements with Joint Funding Partners will be entered into as follows:</p> <p>Joint Grantmaking: With local funder, with First 5 funds provided to the funder on a re-granting basis in accordance with the terms of the partnership.</p> <p>Local Cash Match Commitments: With local organization / agency applying for funds from the external funder; agreement to be executed upon successful notification of award in accordance with the terms of the partnership.</p> <p>First 5 Augmentation Funding: With either the primary funder of the local program/initiative or an implementing / participating agency, in accordance with the terms of the partnership.</p> <p>All Partnership agreements will include First 5’s required terms such as:</p>

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	<p>Prohibition against supplanting, use of funds for non-religious activities only, and (for Joint Grantmaking only) adherence to required public posting / notification procedures for available funding opportunities, etc.</p>
<p>6. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION</p>	<p>Joint Grantmaking: Funding amounts will be determined on a matching ratio in which a First 5 dollar will be required to be matched by some amount of the partner's funds (e.g., 1:1, 1:2, 1:3). The ratio will depend on factors such as: the total amount of grant funds to be awarded, estimated number of awards aligned with First 5's vision and mission, and maximum amount of each grantee award.</p> <p>The Commission will approve the ratio, the maximum funding available, and related terms of the partnership; First 5 staff reviews funding applications received by partner to identify proposals eligible for matching funds. The actual amount of First 5 funds expended is dependent on the final funding decisions of the funding partner. Upon notification of final funding decisions by the funding partner, First 5 funds may be paid out in full.</p> <p>Local Cash Match Commitments: Funding amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on factors such as the amount of the match requirement, the total request amount of the grant application, the degree of need for the proposed services, and alignment of the proposed services with First 5's mission and vision.</p> <p>The Commission will take action on proposed partnerships and at its discretion approve amounts of match commitments; however, payment of First 5 funds will only be authorized if the funding partner is successful in receiving the grant award applied for. Upon successful notification, First 5 funds may be paid out in full.</p> <p>First 5 Augmentation Funding: Funding amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on factors such as the amount of the non-First 5 funding commitment, the degree of need for the proposed services, the degree of potential benefit for children 0-5 and their families to be gained, and the alignment of the proposed services with First 5's mission and vision. Upon approval of First 5 Augmentation Funding by the Commission, First 5 funds may be paid out in full.</p>
<p>7. EVALUATION</p>	<p>Evaluation requirements for Joint Funding Partnerships will be determined on a case-by-case basis due to the unique nature of potential partnerships to be supported.</p>