

First 5 California

Small Population County Funding Augmentation



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Item # 11

- The goal of the SPCFA is to support the success of small counties in their local First 5 work and to ensure Proposition 10 is a statewide effort.
- The statutory funding formula for small population counties alone doesn't provide adequate funds to operate effective First 5 programs.
- To address this issue, small counties have received SPCFA support since 1999.
- In 2014, the State Commission approved a new accountability framework and funding methodology, which will end on June 30, 2017.
- F5CA and the SPCFA workgroup convened to discuss options for future SPCFA program eligibility, funding, term, and program requirements

- Submission of the Framework Implementation Plan (FIP) that consists of:
 - Three Checklists: Fiscal Stability, Evaluation, and Strategic Plan
 - High-Quality Plan Template completed for each program that includes:
 - detailed descriptions and benchmarks

- Funded Programs fall within Focused Investment Areas of:
 - Developmental and Health Needs
 - Engaging and Supporting Families
 - High-Quality Early Learning/Early Educator Support and Effectiveness

- Submission requirements include:
 - Current Strategic Plan
 - Annual Evaluation Report
 - Annual Performance Report (APR)
 - FIP Update

- Evaluation findings compiled from the review of documentation submitted by SPCFA counties provides a profile of the SPCFA investment that includes:
 - Program Overview
 - Implementation of Evidence-Based programs
 - Evidence of Collaboration
 - Importance of SPCFA funds

Program Accountability:

- At least 25% of non-administrative SPCFA funding will be allocated for evidence-based or evidence-informed programs

- Programs funded with SPCFA will:
 - Align with First 5 IMPACT and other local efforts
 - Support evidence-based and evidence-informed programming through professional development, Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) and monitoring
 - Have clearly defined goals and activities, and a plan for monitoring progress and identifying T&TA needs

- The evaluation report will require:
 - Greater uniformity in evaluation procedures and data collection methods
 - Reporting of data that more clearly measures program effectiveness

- SPCFA counties will complete a detailed Annual Performance Report

- Eligibility Criteria: Counties eligible to receive SPCFA funding have 1,000 or less births using prior three year average of annual births.
- Funding Term: SPCFA funding is requested for four years, beginning in FY 2017–18 through FY 2020–21.
- Funding Requirements: Fiscal reporting will be required.

- Funding Methodology:
 - Includes existing annual baseline of \$8.625 million.
 - Includes Trigger Language which would allow for the funding baseline to be adjusted based on large changes to the revenue.
 - A 7 percent decrease in revenue from a prior year would result in a 2 percent reduction of the \$8.625 million annual baseline. This language would be effective in the second year of funding, FY 2018–19. The FY 2017–18 revenues will be excluded due to impact of Proposition 56 on the revenues and backfill in that year.
- Funding Request: F5CA requests approval of up to \$8.625 million annually over a four-year term (FY 2017–18 through FY 2020–21).

Questions?

