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FIRST 5 COMMISSION ISSUES CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Today, the First 5 Commission issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Capacity Building Grants. First 5 has budgeted \$40,000 for these grants which are meant to help local agencies strengthen their efforts to serve children prenatal through age 5 and their families.

Nonprofits and government agencies may apply for a Capacity Building Grant of up to \$5,000 to support the following activities:

- 1) Improve the leadership of the organizations served under this effort, including staff, volunteers or board members through trainings;
- 2) Improve how resources, including human capital, are utilized to serve clients;
- 3) Conduct strategic and impactful outreach efforts that include public education, advocacy or dissemination of information on topics centered on the importance of the first five years and;
- 4) Improve the services in which organizations are engaged.

The application and additional information is available at http://first5santabarbaracounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/CB_2017_2018_Packet_Final.pdf

“Capacity Building Grants are an excellent opportunity to build on the many strengths that already exist in Santa Barbara County’s nonprofit and social service sectors,” said Ben Romo, Executive Director of First 5. “We hope these small grants help our partners achieve more impact with public and philanthropic dollars funding their efforts.”

About First 5 Santa Barbara County

First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission, funded by Proposition 10 works in partnership with individuals and organizations throughout the county, to support the health, early learning and well-being of children prenatal to age 5 and their families. Call (805) 884-8085 or visit www.First5SBC.org