

First 5 Yolo releases \$40,000 for community mini-grants

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Attention community groups, nonprofits and government agencies looking for up to \$5,000 to fund projects benefiting kids 0 to 5 and their families in Yolo County. First 5 Yolo recently announced the availability of \$40,000 for community mini-grants.

"Even with the overall funding reductions due to AB 99, we are very pleased to be able to reinstate community mini-grants due to some cost savings from last fiscal year," said First 5 Yolo Chair and Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor. "These grants help grassroots groups and service agencies address needs in their communities or places of work that will benefit the county's youngest residents."

The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18, to apply for up to \$5,000 for each community grant. The grants will be for projects completed by June 2012. Any Yolo County community-based group, such as parent support groups, health related coalitions, early learning projects, nonprofits, government agencies, and other organizations are eligible to apply if they are working on issues concerning children 0-5 years of age and their families.

Examples of ways the grants can be used include sponsoring events, conducting trainings, buying program equipment and supplies, conducting a study, advocating for children's issues, enhancing community building activities, purchasing curriculum or creating other short-term projects that benefit expectant parents and children 0 to 5 years residing in Yolo County.

All proposals must include at least one measurable outcome that is in line with First 5 Yolo's strategic plan. In addition, all recipients must submit a written evaluation report on the project within 30 days of completion.

To apply, interested parties must complete the Community Grants application available on-line at www.first5yolo.org, or at the First 5 Yolo offices at 403 Court Street, Woodland. It is recommended that applicants contact the First 5 Yolo office at 669-2475 to discuss their project prior to filling out the application. Proposals recommended for funding will be considered by the full Commission at its Dec. 14, meeting.

For more information about the First 5 Yolo's mini-grants, contact Julie Gallelo, executive director at 669-2475 or go to www.first5yolo.org.