



Recommended Funding of Mini-Grant Requests – Round Two November 2002

Parent Education and Support Services

Total Applicants = 10

Total Requested = \$152,580

Readers Committee: Commissioners Dennison, Diringer – 3 Community Members – 1 State Representative

Applicant Amount Requested	Description of Request	Priority Rank	Reader's Comments	Recommended Award
San Luis Obispo Symphony \$9400	Provide a 6-part music education series offered free to Head Start children and their families, and specifically designed to benefit pre-school aged children from low-income families.	1	<p>The recommendation to fund is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum is pilot tested and proven successful. • Serves children bi-lingual in Spanish. • Addresses sustainability by implementing a <i>Train the Trainer</i> model. <p>If approved for funding, the evaluation component of the application will be revised under the direction of Commission staff to include data collection required by the State Commission.</p>	\$9400

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Consumer Credit \$8362	Conduct a parent education program that improves financial literacy skills and increases wealth for women participants who have children age 0-5.	2	<p>The concept was recognized as valuable. If approved for funding the following modifications will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline of projected participants to be served will need to be clearly established. • Data collection plan to comply with State Commission requirements. • Evaluation plan calls for 37-50% of participants to self-report improved financial literacy skills through a survey. Methods for tracking families who participate and a more objective measurement of improved financial literacy skills will need to be established. 	\$8362

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Life Steps \$25,000	Provide a 6-week multicultural Music and Movement program for children with and without special needs. Classes of 20-25 children, divided into "walkers" and "pre-walkers" will meet once per week with their parents.	3	<p>Providing a musical program to children with learning disabilities and special needs was regarded as worthy of funding. Funding is recommended at a reduced level due to the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of in-kind or matching funds; • the feasibility of providing six week sessions continuously for 52 weeks; and, • a question as to whether the North County, where the program will be implemented, truly has a need proportionate to the funding requested. <p>If approved for funding, a revised Scope of Work, Budget, and Narrative in accordance with the level of funding provided will need to be submitted, in addition to baseline data on participants for evaluation purposes and a data collection plan that addresses State Commission requirements.</p>	\$15,000

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Cal Poly Foundation \$16,154	Provide Nutrition Education for child care providers and low-income, minority families targeting mothers with children age 0-5.	4	<p>Recommendation to fund is contingent upon the applicant's willingness to reduce the Indirect Rate of 35% by the difference between <i>amount requested</i> and <i>amount recommended</i> (\$2154.00)</p> <p>If approved for funding, applicant will need to develop and submit a strategy that addresses how prospective participants will be motivated to attend, and if attendance is low, what steps will be taken to meet the objective of 150 child care providers at each of four workshops, and 100 parents at two parent workshops.</p>	\$14,000
Regents of University of CA (Lunch Box) \$24,150	Duplication of a three year supply of The Lunch Box handouts to distribute to preschools and in-home childcare centers that require parents to send lunches for their children. Additionally, a three year supply of lunch box sized ice substitutes will be purchased to distribute to parents who send lunches with their preschool children.	5	Recommended funding is for brochures and evaluation for one year of implementation, in accordance with the RFA. The usefulness of ice substitutes was recognized, but their longevity and expense were questioned and not recommended for funding.	\$10,000

Totals for Parent Education and Support Focus Area:

Recommendations For Funding = 5

Total Recommended Funding= \$56,762

