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FIRST 5 Mendocino Awards Grants to Serve Children 0-5

Competitive grants awarded

(Mendocino County, CA) –FIRST 5 Mendocino awarded over \$40,000 in small grants to Non-profit or government agencies that serve young children and their families in Mendocino County.

Grants were awarded on a competitive basis to projects that serve local children, ages 5 and younger, focusing on one or more of the following service areas: children’s health; social-emotional support for children and parents; school readiness; and community-based services. During these difficult financial times, FIRST 5 prioritized requests that addressed a family’s basic needs.

Awards were made to Mendocino College Child Development Center for \$2,500 to complete the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom playground renovation project; \$700 to the Mendocino County Office of Education McKinney-Vento Homeless Youth Program for a family night event emphasizing art, literacy and nutrition; \$500 for Ukiah Aikido to replace its carpet; Talmage State Preschool for \$2,250 for nutrition education classes and materials; \$8,000 for the Potter Valley Youth and Community Center Family Resource Center’s Summer Child Care Enrichment Program; \$6,469 for Sherwood Valley Rancheria for a Family Reading Circle, dental care training and a parent-child pay group; \$4,000 for Willits Daily Bread to serve young children and their families Caspar Children’s Garden at \$3,000 for a scholarship fund; \$8,200 to the Fort Bragg Food Bank to purchase milk for young children; and \$5,000 to Safe Passage Family Resource Center for a rental assistance program for income eligible families with children ages 0-5.

“FIRST 5 Mendocino is dedicated to helping parents raise children who are healthy, happy, and ready to learn,” said Anne Molgaard, executive director of FIRST 5 Mendocino County. “Supporting local programs that share this critical goal helps ensure that Mendocino’s children have every resource available to help them to thrive in their first five years of life.

To learn more about the grants and application guidelines, visit www.mendochildren.org/grants.htm. For more information on FIRST 5 Mendocino’s programs and services, please call (707) 462-4453 or visit www.mendochildren.org.

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