

First 5 Commission of San Diego
April 27, 2009
Proposed Innovative Grant Award

The action before the Commission is to consider approval of the Source Selection Committee's recommendation to award an Innovative Grant to Heart and Hands Working Together for up to \$71,800.

Background:

The Commission approved a Policy for Innovative Grant Funds on August 4, 2003 (Item 8), and revised the Policy on November 1, 2004 (Item 10), June 20, 2005 (Item 5) and December 3, 2007 (Item 8). To date, the Commission has awarded 36 Innovative Grants providing a wide variety of services benefiting children ages 0-5 and their families.

Innovative Grant applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis by a Source Selection Committee (SSC). The SSC members discuss and evaluate each application in accordance with the criteria contained in Commission Policy F5C-010. Each application is reviewed for how well it:

- Supports the vision, mission, values and operating guidelines of the Commission (This is both a requirement for funding, and an evaluation criterion)
- Addresses one or more of the Commission's desired results
- Demonstrates the potential success for meeting the project's stated objectives
- Documents and addresses an unmet need or needs in the community
- Demonstrates an innovative approach or technique that addresses an unmet need
- Describes how the project will be sustained after the termination of the grant funding
- Leverages additional resources and/or is able to provide matching funds. Such resources include other funding or in-kind support such as equipment, supplies, or volunteer services provided by the organization
- Demonstrates partnership and/or linkages with other community organizations that provide services to children and their families
- Documents positive impacts and results of its project (i.e....measurable outcomes)
- Supports reasonable project costs

Recommendations:

The SSC recommends the following project for award:

- Heart and Hands Working Together

The SSC also recommends that applications from the following organizations not be considered for award. Their proposals didn't adequately address all of the required criteria contained in Commission Policy F5C-010:

- American Academy of Pediatrics, CA Chapter 3
- Positive Action Community Theater

All applicants will be notified by mail of award status and will be provided with the strengths and weaknesses of their applications. The applicants not recommended for award have the option to revise and resubmit their applications for future consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$71,800 from the Innovative Grants allocation in the Commission's approved budget for FY 2008-09. If this grant award is approved, the balance remaining in the Innovative Grant Fund for FY 2008-09 will be \$617,505.