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Commission Calls for Requests to Fund Innovative and Creative Projects

(NOV. 12, 2009) RIVERSIDE, CA — First 5 Riverside, the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, is seeking proposals to support innovative and community driven programs.

First 5 Riverside is offering one-time Community Response grants to Riverside County nonprofit or public organizations for projects that support and enhance the lives of children, prenatal through age 5, and their families. Earlier this year, the Commission approved a total of \$26.1 million to help meet additional needs created by the current economic situation, including \$1.3 million to fund community response grants through June 2011.

Proposals are required to meet at least one of the Commission's strategic plan goals such as fostering healthy communities, expanding quality child care services and educating Riverside County residents on the lifelong impact of optimal development through age 5. As mandated by Proposition 10, funds cannot be used to supplant existing levels of funding for services.

Further details on this grant opportunity and necessary documents are available at www.rccfc.org under "funding opportunities". The deadline for applications is no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010.

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First 5 Riverside, the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, is a public entity funded by Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues and established by the County Board of Supervisors in 1999. First 5 Riverside provides funding of early education, health and child care services that help children through age 5 develop a strong foundation for success

in school and throughout their lives. For more information about First 5 Riverside programs and other funded services, call 951-248-0014 or Toll Free 800-266-3880 or visit www.rccfc.org.