

Conference Call with Grantees

Overview

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Facts

- The Fiscal Year 2011 funding is \$7.56 billion for Head Start.
- This includes \$340 million is to continue operations for the expansion programs funded under ARRA.
- The \$340 million increase represents 50 percent of the \$678 million needed to sustain enrollment of slots funded under ARRA.

Facts -How Will This Work?

- These funds (340 million) represent 50 percent of the FY 10 expansion funding levels for ARRA Head Start and Early Head Start grantees
- All ARRA expansion grantees will receive FY 11 funding by September 2011 for 6 months (1/2 of annual costs) for continued services
- Grantees will receive another 6 months of funding in FY 2012 (if FY 12 budget is no less than FY 11 levels) to **maintain their full enrollment through the 2011-2012 "school year"** .
- Programs should plan to operate for a full "school year." September 2011 through September 2012 - ensuring continuity through at least September 2012

Facts- How Will This Work ?

- ARRA grants end in September 2011
- New grantees will receive a **new** grant (for 6 months of funding in September 2011)
- Existing grantees will receive a **supplement** (for 6 months of funding) to their FY 11 base grant in September 2011
- In FY 2012 grantees will receive an additional 6 months to continue expansion services through September 2012 (so long as FY 12 budget is not less than FY 11 levels)

Facts- Between Now and September 30, 2011

- Plan Full Steam Ahead**
- Inform and Seek Input from Key Players**
- Develop Funding Applications Due July 1, 2011**
- Close Out ARRA Grant**
- Obtain Required Approvals from Governing Body and Policy Council**

What's Important

- Opportunity to continue to provide high quality services to infants, toddlers and pregnant women and families
- Incorporate what you learned this year and make changes to improve services and options
- Support staff in their professional development

What's Important

- 50% of funds necessary for expansion slots are part of the base effective September 2011
- Slots are no longer ARRA slots – they are part of the whole
- Funding has always been dependent on annual appropriations
- Twelve months of high quality services matter in the life of an infant and toddler

Closing Thoughts

- Plan deliberately keeping the needs of children and families first
- Quality always matters
- Embrace strategic planning- even in the face of uncertainty
- We don't have all the answers but keep asking

Questions

- We received some questions from the field, many of which we already addressed through this presentation. We will address several now and then post others on ECLKC.
- Q: For purposes of reporting, what are the expectations for PIR and other outcomes prorated for the six month period?
- A: Grantees should plan to continue services for expansion slots throughout FY 2012; therefore, the reporting requirements remain the same.

Questions continued

- Q: If we stay at this funding level for the future, will we eventually have to cut a certain amount of kids?

A: If the Head Start program continues to receive this funding level after the 2011-2012 school year, there will be a point when we will not be able to support the same number of children currently enrolled. But the message here is that Congress has appropriated funds now to maintain these slots for this year, and the President's FY 12 budget request is \$8.1 billion and includes the additional \$340 million to fully fund expansion slots. If FY 212 funding is less than FY 2011 levels, OHS will communicate with grantees as enactment of the FY 12 appropriation progresses.

Questions continued

- Q: What and when will OHS give guidance to the field?
- A: Regional Offices will be sending Funding Guidance letters to all grantees by mid-May. This letter will provide additional information on the application requirements, the funding available and the funded enrollment. The EHS Cluster Training will also be an opportunity for grantees to fully understand the issues, challenges and timeframes related to the FY 11 funding.
- All EHS ARRA programs are invited to the EHS Cluster Trainings. Please contact your Regional Office if you are an EHS ARRA program and have not yet received an invitation.
- Regional Offices will also be having conference calls for HS ARRA programs.