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First 5 Fresno County Released a New Funding Opportunity to Support Services for Families Raising Young Children

Fresno, CA – First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) announced the release of \$3 million in funding opportunities for 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit organizations to provide a wide range of family-centered programs and services that support families with children from the prenatal stage to five years old through its **Strengthening Protective Factors for Families - Request for Proposals (RFP)**.

“When families have a strong community and resources to rely on, they’re better able to navigate difficult situations and help their children thrive. Through this funding opportunity, we are investing directly in community-based organizations that are doing this critical work and helping Fresno County families every day.” said Fabiola González, Executive Director for First 5 Fresno County.

“For over two decades, the First 5 Fresno County Commission has invested over \$548 million in local efforts to meet the needs of young children and their families. This new funding opportunity reflects our commitment to listening to our community benefit organizations, who are closest and trusted by families, and are best positioned to tell us what works. By supporting this work at the community level, we are stewarding public resources to promote prevention, stability, and positive outcomes for our youngest residents.” said Supervisor Luis Chavez, Commission Chair for First 5 Fresno County.

F5FC welcomes proposals from organizations for program models and services uniquely tailored to the needs and goals of families raising young children in the specific communities they serve. F5FC anticipates awarding approximately 10 contracts at up to \$300,000 per contract for a two-year period. All who are interested and eligible are encouraged to apply.

The RFP and a pre-recorded informational session is available online at www.first5fresno.org. Electronic submissions are due by 4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

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About First 5 Fresno County: At First 5 Fresno County we envision a future where young children and their families are healthy, loved, and nurtured. We pursue this vision by partnering with, advocating for, and investing in our community to create a seamless system of quality, accessible services that support the well-being of every child and family. First 5 Fresno County was created after the passage of Proposition 10 in 1998 which instituted a .50 cent tax on tobacco products to support the early development of children from the prenatal stage to age five. For over two decades, First 5 Fresno has invested more than \$548 million to fill gaps in our local service system so that families raising young children have access to the supports they deserve.

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