

COCHISE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Please describe how the Regional Partnership Council’s SFY24-27 Strategic Plan promotes equity and support of under-resourced and underserved children and their families.

Cochise County covers about 6,200 square miles located in southeast Arizona next to the Mexican border and New Mexico and is diverse in geography, population and ethnicity. The Cochise landscape consists of scenic country and mountains, is largely rural, consists of small towns with populations of less than 10,000 people and is known for agriculture, mining and tourism. Cochise County offers a wealth of pro-growth and development opportunities thanks to low taxes, land availability, affordable commercial space, high-quality healthcare and education, and easy access to Interstate 10 and rail transportation. In Cochise, there are five major hubs, Douglas, Sierra Vista, Benson, Willcox, Bisbee, each hub of the county has a different culture and the regional council continues to adapt programs and services to help accommodate the differences and provide inclusivity of all people and offers a family-oriented society.

Through the strategic planning process and examining the data, the regional council intentionally focused on targeting families with young children who are impacted by single parent households, homelessness, housing instability, domestic and intimate partner violence, mental health and adolescent pregnancy to promote self-sufficiency and wellbeing. Due to this data, there is a commitment to advancing equity by elevating the voices and perspectives of parents, grandparents, providers, community members and others with lived expertise with young children birth to age 5 in the Cochise Region.

The consistent themes presented by this process includes the need for an integrated closed-loop referral system, mental health services, parenting education, community resources, services, and access to affordable high quality childcare. The regional council was intentional in funding strategies that could affect each of these communities through a plan that promotes equity, supports low-income working families and promotes children’s learning by improving the quality of early care and education and parenting programs that embed cultural responsibility to the under-resourced and underserved children and their families.

**Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27
Cochise Regional Partnership Council**

Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027
FY Allocation	\$2,135,493	\$2,135,493	\$2,003,809	\$2,297,923
Population Based Allocation	\$1,407,432	\$1,407,432	\$1,272,121	\$1,407,432
Discretionary Allocation	\$728,061	\$728,061	\$731,688	\$890,491
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$979,283	\$882,065	\$912,167	\$612,009
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$3,114,776	\$3,017,558	\$2,915,976	\$2,909,932
Strategies	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Inclusion of Children with Special Needs		\$232,500	\$232,500	\$232,500
Quality First Academy	\$16,500	\$15,203	\$15,840	\$15,840
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$571,080	\$460,911	\$540,540	\$540,540
Quality First Scholarships	\$1,232,585	\$869,439	\$608,607	\$608,607
First Things First College Scholarships		\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800
Child Care Health Consultation	\$112,200	\$130,417	\$142,651	\$142,651
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$36,720	\$61,200	\$403,920	\$403,920
Family Support & Literacy Systems Change	\$120,000	\$120,000		
Family Support Coordination	\$280,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Parenting Education	\$119,000	\$119,000		
Statewide Evaluation	\$95,423	\$95,423	\$95,423	\$95,423
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Media	\$14,634	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$2,618,142	\$2,618,142	\$2,460,281	\$2,460,281

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		96.35 %	96.35 %	96.12 %	96.12 %
% to Quality First*	20.03%	26.72 %	26.72 %	28.41 %	28.41 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	96.24%				
% to Quality First*	27.54%				

*Includes Quality First Academy, Quality First Assessment, Quality First Coaching and Incentives, and Child Care Health Consultation.