

First 5 LA
Matching Funds for Applicants for American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act (ARRA) 2009 Federal Funding Request for Applications

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must identify how their proposal impacts one of First 5 LA's priority measures ultimately benefiting children age prenatal through five years old;
2. Applicants must list matching funds currently committed to their proposal. If no other matching funds have been secured, applicants must outline their plan to secure additional matching funds;
3. Applicants must serve residents of Los Angeles County;
4. Applicants must commit to reporting outcomes of programs supported by the ARRA grant and First 5 LA matching funds, including how the funds support efforts impacting First 5 LA priority measure(s) and how the matching funds benefited the organization. The specific reporting process will be determined going forward.

Review Process & Requirements

The First 5 LA review team will review each matching grant application to ensure that eligibility criteria are met in order to receive a matching grant commitment from First 5 LA. Applications that are incomplete or do not meet the minimum requirements will not be accepted.

All decisions of First 5 LA are final. An appeal process will not be available.

The following must be provided to be considered for matching funds (please note that this list is not in order of priority):

1. A complete application form (attached)
2. Identification of the specific source of ARRA grant;
3. A copy of the applicant's ARRA grant application. Drafts or works in progress are sufficient. (This is used only to verify the intent to submit; the quality of the application will not be reviewed.)
4. A brief project description outlining how the project impacts children prenatal to five years old and how it aligns with First 5 LA's priority measure(s).
5. The project budget and amount of ARRA grant dollars requested (if different);
6. The amount of matching funds requested from First 5 LA;
7. The percent of the program that targets children prenatal to five years old;
8. The percent of the program that targets residents of Los Angeles County;
9. A demonstrated capacity for project implementation and management;
10. Applicant's history of applying for and receiving federal grant funds.

All items, excluding a copy of the ARRA grant application and current résumé or curriculum vitae for key program personnel, should be provided on the application form.

Timeline

The review process for this set of ARRA grants will operate along the following timeline: (Note: First 5 LA reserves the right to modify the stated schedule of events at any time.)

June 18, 2009	Release of Application
June 24, 2009, 5pm	Applications Due (including the application form and Signature Authorization) (Electronic submissions are preferred. Please submit to ARRA.support@first5la.org)
June 29, 2009	Awards Announced