



**To: First Steps Board of Trustees**  
**From: Jennifer McConnell, Chair, Program and Grants Committee**  
**Date: December 5, 2016**

**RE: Program and Grants Committee Report for December 6, 2016**

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The Program and Grants Committee met by teleconference on Monday, December 5, 2016 to review partnership strategy requests and review a set of working recommendations by staff related to evidence-based program implementation for FY18.

The committee brings forward one action item, related to a new strategy request from Chesterfield County First Steps.

**ACTION ITEM: Chesterfield New Strategy Request (Nurse-Family Partnership Supports)**

With the support of SC DHHS and others, the Nurse-Family Partnership model has recently expanded into Chesterfield County. To support its high-quality implementation, Chesterfield County First Steps proposes to partner with McLeod Health (the program's implementing agency in the region) to support the growth and development of high risk children served by NFP through the provision of supplemental materials to support the model.

Through this small-scale partnership strategy (\$1,700) CCFS will provide developmentally appropriate books and toys for NFP children at key developmental milestones (birth, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months). All newborns will be enrolled in the Imagination Library program, through which they will receive books monthly. NFP will provide CCFS with program information when the parent and child receive the developmental toys or books. When child ages out of NFP, NFP will have CCFS program specialist visit home with NFP nurse to meet mother and child with the goal to connect the child and parent to CCFS services for continuity.

**Committee Recommendation: Approval**

The committee also received – and shares – a pair of information only items regarding reallocations within Laurens and Lee Counties as reflected in the attached.



**First Steps County Partnerships**  
**FY 2017 Reallocation of Budgets 15% and Greater**  
**NOVEMBER 2016**

The Programs and Grants Committee respectfully submits to the Board of Trustees the following counties' requests for the allocation of budgets and/or the re-allocation of budgets where the reduction is greater than 15% of the TOTAL program/strategy. The counties' requests for the allocation/reallocation of PUBLIC (state & EIA appropriated) and/or PRIVATE (state-level) AND Federal (TANF) budgets/funds are presented to the Board of Trustees for information only and/or need approval. (*The SC First Steps Chief Program Officer has reviewed and preliminarily approved these budget adjustments.*)

COUNTY PARTNERSHIP	FUNDING SOURCE	FROM PROGRAMS AND AMOUNTS	TO PROGRAMS AND AMOUNTS	JUSTIFICATION
<b>RE-ALLOCATIONS ( <u>Information Only</u> )</b>				
<b>NEW ALLOCATION OF PENDING FUNDS ( <u>P&amp;G Committee Approval Required</u> )</b>				
<b>NEW STRATEGIES ( <u>B.O.T. Approval Required</u> )</b>				
<b>Chesterfield</b>	Fund 55	203-2 Incredible Years/ Amt: \$1,700	214-2 Nurse Family Partnership / Amt: \$1,700	Chesterfield County First Steps and McLeod Health NFP program are working together to assist high risk children served by NFP. CCFS will provide books and toys for NFP children at developmental milestones (birth, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months). All newborns will be enrolled in Imagination Library. NFP will provide CCFS information when the parent and child receive the developmental toys or books. When child ages out of NFP, NFP will have CCFS program specialist visit home with NFP nurse to meet mother and child with the goal to connect the child and parent to CCFS services for continuity.
<b>NEW STRATEGIES (Information Only )</b>				
<b>Lee</b>	Fund 20	Amount: \$11,520 (Grant funds from Family Corps, Inc.)	203-2 Parent Training	Lee County First Steps will implement the Parents Anonymous® Inc. by targeting all families enrolled in Early Steps, Parents As Teachers, and Child Care Scholarship Program in addition to any other parents within the Lee and Darlington counties. The Parents Anonymous Program consists of a weekly support group for Parents and Caregivers and a separate group for their Children and Youth (0-18). There is a Trained Facilitator and Parent Group Leader in every Parents Anonymous Group fostering emotional support amongst all participants to improve protective factors, reduce risk, and ensure family stability.
<b>Laurens</b>	Fund 20	Amt: \$5,000 (Private funds not currently budgeted)	214-2 Nurse Family Partnership	Laurens First Steps received a private donation of \$5,000 that was designated for NFP, therefore we need to set up a program to ensure the money is spent in support of NFP activities within Laurens County. Some examples of using these funds would be in support of NFP events/celebrations for clients; material needs for clients such as diapers, formula, hygiene items, etc.