

Recommendations for Pima Early Education Program Design for Years 4 - 7  
RFP-CWD-PEEP-2023-01  
Questions and Answers

1. Who developed the current PEEPs design and metrics used in years 1-3?
  - a. This was a collaborative effort between Pima County, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, First Things First and many other early childhood education providers and advocates.
2. Who managed data collection for PEEPs programs in years 1-3?
  - a. Pima County and the Pima Early Education Program staff manage data collection for PEEPs programs in years 1-3.
3. Do the program locations use a standard data collection method?
  - a. No, as the PEEPs program encompasses 3 different early childhood systems their data collection methods vary.
4. Do you consider data for years 1-3 to be complete and high quality?
  - a. We consider the data that we reported on to be high quality but, not complete as we are unable to provide a complete picture on the demographics of PEEPs children served across all 3 of our program components since First Things First doesn't collect race and ethnicity data.
5. Did the original program design include an annual budget allocation from the County outside of CSLFRF funds?
  - a. Yes, the original program design included a \$10 million annual budget from the County general fund before CSLFRF funds were allocated to replace the general fund allocation.
6. In addition to program assessment, the RFP asks that the contractor "synthesize design recommendations for ongoing program sustainability". Do you expect this to include policy recommendations and partnership agreements?
  - a. Yes.
7. The RFP requests the cost for one hour of delivered service. Is a project team combined hourly rate acceptable?
  - a. The cost for one hour of delivered service is all inclusive (see page 7 of the RFP, under rates).
8. Does the County have preference for an in-state consultant?
  - a. We do not have a preference but would like to have local input from the existing early childhood systems, organizations and community members as much as possible.
9. Will the County be available to assist with access to community members and scheduling for engagement efforts?
  - a. Yes, the County will be available to assist with scheduling and engagement efforts.
10. What is the source of funding for this project?
  - a. The source of funding for this project is from the County's federal ARPA CLSFRF funds allocated to the Pima Early Education Program.