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COMMISSION SEEKS PROJECTS TO FUND

Spring Round of Special Opportunity Funding Available

REDDING-----First 5 Shasta, the Shasta Children and Families First Commission, announces the opening of a new round of “Special Opportunity” funding. The Spring 2009 Special Opportunity funding round has the potential to award up to \$40,000 to a variety of qualifying projects. The funding opportunity is available to interested organizations, community groups and individuals in Shasta County for projects that serve children, pre-natal-to-five years of age and their families *and* are related to the vision, mission, goals and objectives of First 5 Shasta.

Funding requests in amounts from \$5,000 to \$20,000 will be considered. The first step in pursuing Special Opportunity funding is for interested parties to discuss project ideas with First 5 Shasta’s Executive Director. The Spring proposal deadline is **March 6, 2009**.

To obtain more information about Special Opportunity Funding, visit First 5 Shasta’s web site at first5shasta.org or call 530-229-8300.

First 5 Shasta was established after voters passed Proposition 10 in November 1998, adding a 50 cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes to fund education, health, child care and other programs to promote early childhood development for expectant parents and children up to age five. To date, First 5 Shasta has invested approximately \$12 million in the Shasta County community.

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