

Executive Summary Form

Agenda Number: HLT 3695

Recommendation:

Please accept the Legacy Foundation Funding of \$2000.00 for the Bonnie Bazata Presentation on Ending Poverty to cover Ms. Bazata's hotel for Friday night, mileage of 150 miles round trip from Tucson, Food , coffee and incidentals for refreshments for the attendees and Per Diem for Ms Bazata for supper on Friday, Breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Buena High School waived some of the use fee, but we had to cover the cost of an IT person and maintenance and cleaning of the lobby, auditorium and bathrooms which came to \$400.00. This is a cost reimbursement grant, so if there are left over funds, they will be returned to the Legacy Foundation. Ms. Bazata is a Pima County Employee and came to Sierra Vista on her own time with her own vehicle.

Background (Brief): Bonnie Bazata presented at a First Things First Conference in Phoenix in May of 2017. The CCHCs who attended felt that the strategies she presented to build bridges out of poverty (to end the war on poverty) to understand the role of excellent nutrition to developing brains of infants and children; and to increase interactions with children to close the 3-million-word gap that leaves children unable to have successful school careers, should be shared with early childhood educators. Our budget (226) had already been submitted and did not cover this large undertaking, so the Legacy Foundation offered support to this endeavor.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources: The Legacy Foundation of Southern Arizona as well as Buena waiving half the fee for IT, maintenance on a Saturday morning. No net county subsidy.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: Your approvals are respectfully requested. Legacy Foundation has already submitted a \$2000.00 check to Cochise County Government this will reimburse the above stated items related to hosting an out of town presenter who worked Friday evening and Saturday morning with us to provide Cochise County relevant information free to the public. The goal of First Things First in Cochise County is to increase quality of childcare in the 0 to 5 year old population, ensure a successful transition to Kindergarten and the health and safety of children in this age group. The other very important tie-in with this presentation is that it also addresses Goal #2, improving the economy of Cochise County and increasing job growth, which her strategies address.

Impact of Not Approving: The presentation was October 28, 2017. If all the funds have to come out of #226, we will not be able to purchase some much needed equipment (eye vision screening that comes to about \$7,000) and will not be able to provide required CCHC visits to Willcox and Benson child care facilities and pre-schools.