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**FIRST 5 YUBA RELEASES \$50,000 FOR MINI-GRANTS**

**Marysville, Calif., -- July 2, 2018** — First 5 Yuba County, Children and Families Commission recently announced the availability of \$50,000 for community mini-grants. Individuals, private organizations or public agencies in need of additional funding to work with or improve the lives of expectant mothers, babies, toddlers or preschool-aged children living in Yuba County are encourage to contact the Commission to apply.

What happens from prenatal through age five strongly influences how a child will function in school and later in life. A clear goal for First 5 Yuba is for children in Yuba County to be socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually ready for school. To help First 5 meet this goal community members and organizations could be awarded up to \$5,000.

The grants will be for short-term community-based projects that must be completed by June 30, 2019. All projects must include a measurable outcome that aligns with First 5 Yuba's strategic plan goals. In addition, all recipients must submit a final evaluation report at the end of the project. Examples of ways the grants can be used include conducting neighborhood support groups for parents of young children, building enrichment activities for toddlers, creating a community partnership to make the community safer for children, or simply purchasing materials that will encourage parents to increase the amount of time they read, play or interact with their baby.

To apply, interested parties must attend a mandatory individual application meeting and complete the grant application prior to April 30, 2019. Awards are available until the current fiscal year's budgeted mini-grant funds are depleted. For more information about First 5 Yuba's mini-grants, contact Robin Timoszyk, at (530) 749-4959 or go to [first5yuba.org](http://first5yuba.org).

**About First 5 Yuba**

*The vision of First 5 Yuba is that all Yuba County children are healthy and thriving in safe and nurturing family environments and ready to succeed in their educational experiences. For more information on local programs, please visit [first5yuba.org](http://first5yuba.org).*

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