

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 21, 2022**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

04.C. Action: Award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The purpose of the Early Learning Collaborative grant is to provide funding to Early Learning Collaborative Councils for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the implementation of voluntary pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) programs as specified in the Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013. An early learning collaborative is a district or county-wide council comprised, at a minimum, of a public school district and/or a local Head Start affiliate (if available), private or parochial schools, or one or more licensed childcare providers. Early Learning Collaboratives are permitted to use state funds to administer, implement, monitor, and evaluate Pre-K programs to improve the quality of educational experiences offered to four-year-old children and/or to extend developmentally appropriate educational programs and services.

In accordance with the Early Learning Collaborative Act, once an early learning collaborative's plan is approved and funded, the collaborative and/or its prekindergarten providers shall receive funds on an ongoing basis unless the collaborative and/or its prekindergarten providers no longer meet the criteria to participate in the program.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: April 22, 2022 – June 20, 2024  
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$ 15,375,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Eligibility
- B. Program Requirements

- C. Budget and Narrative
- D. Interview

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Office of Elementary Education and Reading  
Early Learning Collaborative Cohort IV Grants**

<b>Collaborative Council</b>	<b>Maximum Amount Awarded YR1** April 22, 2022 to June 30, 2022</b>	<b>Maximum Amount Awarded YR2 July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Maximum Amount Awarded YR3 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Total</b>
Holmes Co Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$1,200,000
Jackson Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 3,065,000	\$3,065,000	\$3,065,000	\$9,195,000
Leland Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Long Beach Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000
Noxubee Co Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000
Pontotoc Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$1,650,000
Senatobia Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000	\$ 410,000	\$1,230,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,125,000</b>	<b>\$5,125,000</b>	<b>\$5,125,000</b>	<b>\$15,375,000</b>

*\*The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts dependent upon legislative appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.*

\*\*Year 1 funds are spent on startup costs. Subsequent years include salaries, replacement supplies and materials.