

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 19, 2023

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

04.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Stronger Connections Grant Program [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), legislation that expands vital mental health services and provides additional support for States and districts to design and enhance initiatives that will promote safer, more inclusive, and positive school environments for all students, educators, and school staff. SEAs must competitively award subgrants to high-need LEAs to establish safer and healthier learning environments, and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact our school communities at individual and systemic levels, among other programs and activities. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to high need local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that students have a safer and healthier learning environment.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: November 1, 2023 - September 30, 2025
(with a liquidation period ending December 31, 2025)
- Award Amount: \$ 12,487,408
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Title IV, Part A – The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 of the *Every Student Succeeds Act*

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Eligibility
- B. Abstract
- C. Demonstration
- D. Stakeholder Engagement
- E. Program Goals, Evaluation, and Timeline
- F. Evaluation and Sustainability
- G. Budget

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Stronger Connections Grant Program

Organization Name	Allocation
ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$142,695
BAY ST LOUIS WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$165,775
BENTON CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$138,195
BROOKHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$203,293
CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$215,103
CLARKSDALE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$181,726
COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$162,319
CORINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$189,755
EAST TALLAHATCHIE CONSOL SCH DISTRICT	\$136,935
FOREST MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$164,731
FORREST COUNTY AG HIGH SCHOOL	\$126,745
GEORGE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$246,572
GREENE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$164,155
GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$242,720
HANCOCK CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$252,513
HARRISON CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$611,312
HOLLANDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$124,044
HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$191,591
ITAWAMBA CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$225,437
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$795,663
JEFFERSON CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$142,515
JONES CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$400,533
LAFAYETTE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$202,897
LAUDERDALE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$312,463
LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$202,069
LAWRENCE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$168,872
LEAKE CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$197,640
LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$328,522
LONG BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$210,459

LOWNDES CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$290,572
MARSHALL CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$205,670
NESHOBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$212,835
NETTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$147,124
NEW ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$180,106
NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$165,487
NORTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$150,761
NOXUBEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$156,162
OKOLONA SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$124,693
PASCAGOULA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$338,783
PEARL RIVER CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$223,817
PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$134,090
PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$213,519
PONTOTOC CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$227,237
PRENTISS CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$183,886
QUITMAN CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$136,394
RICHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$126,889
SOUTH DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$127,537
SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$193,536
STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$276,817
SUNFLOWER CO CONSOLIDATED SCH DISTRICT	\$217,588
TISHOMINGO CO SP MUN SCH DISTRICT	\$208,262
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$344,832
UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$137,475
WALTHALL CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$166,351
WATER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$143,164
WEST TALLAHATCHIE SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$126,205
WINONA-MONTGOMERY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$146,800
YAZOO CITY MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$181,294
YAZOO CO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$152,273
Total	\$12,487,408

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