

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

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04.B. Action: Modify Early Learning Collaborative grants to support pre-kindergarten programs with increased funding to serve additional children [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The purpose of the Early Learning Collaborative grant is to provide funding to Early Learning Collaboratives 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.

A total of \$2,910,000 will be distributed amongst the ten existing collaboratives to increase the number of children being served for the two remaining years of the grant period.

Scope of Grant:

- Term of Current Grant: January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2024
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Cost of Current Grant: \$ 4,848,750
- Modification Increase: \$ 2,910,000
- Total Cost of Modified Grant: \$ 7,758,750
- Method of Award: Legislative Exemption

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Elementary Education and Reading**

FY2023 Early Learning Collaborative Modified Grants

Collaborative Council	Current Amount Awarded	Modified Amount Awarded	Total
		FY 23 & FY 24	
Cleveland Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 512,500	\$ 150,000	\$ 662,500
Corinth Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 603,750	\$ 200,000	\$ 803,750
Grenada Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 437,500	\$ 100,000	\$ 537,500
Holmes Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 750,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 850,000
Lafayette-Oxford Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 920,000	\$ 600,000	\$1,520,000
Petal Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 450,000
Picayune Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 50,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 310,000
Rankin Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 650,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 950,000
South Panola Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 275,000	\$ 800,000	\$1,075,000
Total	\$4,848,750	\$2,910,000	\$7,758,750

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.