

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
December 19, 2013

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

01. Approval to award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-kindergarten programs

Purpose: The purpose of the 2014 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 child care 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.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016
- Award Amount: \$ 8,437,825.40
- 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.

Level 1 Scoring Criteria:

- A. Community Partnership and Lead Partner Capabilities
- B. Leveraging and Sharing Resources
- C. Commitment
- D. Evidence of Need
- E. Parent Involvement and Ease of Family Access
- F. Qualified Staff
- G. Curriculum Materials and Assessments Aligned to Standards
- H. Daily Schedule
- I. Class Size and Staff-Child Ratio
- J. Professional Development
- K. Budget

Level 2 Interview Components:

- A. Understanding of how the Collaborative will leverage resources
- B. Understanding of the role of each participating partner
- C. Understanding of how the Pre-K providers will use curriculum, instruction, and assessments aligned to standards

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Curriculum and Instruction
2014 Early Learning Collaborative
Grantee Awards**

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded Year 1 January 2014 to June 2014	Maximum Amount Awarded Year 2 July 2014 to June 2015	Maximum Amount Awarded Year 3 July 2015 to June 2016
Clarke County Early Learning Partnership	\$172,000.00	\$172,000.00	\$172,000.00
Coahoma County Pre-K Collaborative Initiative	\$327,554.10	\$294,846.60	\$331,459.70
Corinth-Alcorn Prentiss Early Learning Collaborative	\$433,225.00	\$519,225.00	\$519,225.00
DeSoto County Early Learning Collaborative	\$54,348.00	\$124,700.00	\$124,700.00
Gilmore Early Learning Initiative Collaborative	\$174,210.00	\$501,247.00	\$466,236.00
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$105,320.00	\$236,500.00	\$236,500.00
McComb Community Collaborative for Early Learning Success	\$462,250.00	\$462,250.00	\$462,250.00
Petal Early Learning Collaborative	\$107,500.00	\$107,500.00	\$107,500.00
Picayune School District	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
Sunflower County Early Learning Collaborative	\$82,616.00	\$316,050.00	\$316,050.00
Tallahatchie Early Learning Alliance	\$110,000.00	\$405,002.00	\$404,561.00
Total	\$2,072,023.10	\$3,182,320.60	\$3,183,481.70

**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.*