

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 10, 2016

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

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

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to award the additional one million dollars appropriated during the 2016 Legislative Session for the purpose of expanding, 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.

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

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019
- Award Amount: \$2,967,000
- 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.

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded January 2017 to June 2017	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2017 to June 2018	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2018 to June 2019
Canton, Mississippi Early Learning Collaborative	\$247,250	\$247,250	\$247,250
Greenwood Leflore County Early Learning Collaborative	\$247,250	\$247,250	\$247,250
Grenada Early Learning Collaborative	\$247,250	\$247,250	\$247,250
Starkville Oktibbeha Early Learning Collaborative	\$247,250	\$247,250	\$247,250
Total	\$989,000	\$989,000	\$989,000

**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.*