

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 21, 2021

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04.A. Action: Modify Early Learning Collaborative Council 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 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.

A total of \$1,927,500 will be distributed amongst the seven existing collaboratives to increase the number of children being served for the three years of the grant period.

Scope of Grant:

- Current Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Current Award Amount: \$ 8,415,000
- Modification Increase Total: \$ 1,927,500
- Total Modified Award Amount: \$10,342,500
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

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**

FY2022 Early Learning Collaborative Modified Grants

Collaborative Council	Amount Awarded July 2021 to June 2024	Modified Amount Awarded July 2021 to June 2024	Total
Coahoma County Pre-K Collaborative Initiative	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	\$ 1,500,000
Cleveland School District	\$ 675,000	\$262,500	\$ 937,500
Greenwood Leflore County Early Learning Collaborative	\$1,035,000	\$225,000	\$ 1,260,000
Grenada Early Learning Collaborative	\$1,035,000	\$150,000	\$ 1,185,000
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$1,050,000	\$600,000	\$ 1,650,000
Oxford School District	\$2,385,000	\$375,000	\$ 2,760,000
Starkville Oktibbeha Early Learning Collaborative	\$1,035,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,050,000
Total	\$8,415,000	\$1,927,500	\$10,342,500

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.