

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 23, 2021

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

06.B. Action: Modify a grant for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools Grant (MCOPS) FY22 (2021-2022) [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-82 established the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) Grant program for the utilization of School Resource Officers (SRO) within the K-12 education system. The law allocates a minimum of \$10,000 per officer for Districts to pay for the salary and benefits of School Resource Officers. The funding must be matched from local funds on a 50/50 matching basis.

During initial Mississippi Community Oriented Policing in Schools (MCOPS) grant review the applicant, Desoto County School District, was awarded a grant amount of \$140,000. This amount awarded was not the requested amount that was listed on the application. The amount initially requested was for \$250,000. This left the Desoto County School District with a loss of \$110,000 for enforcement activities within the school district and as a result a loss of eleven (11) school resource officers.

Scope of Grant:

- Current Grant Period: July 15, 2021 – June 30, 2022
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2022)
- Current Award Amount: \$ 140,000
- Modification Increase: \$ 110,000
- Total Modified Award Amount: \$ 250,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools Grant (MCOPS)
FY22 (2021-2022)-Modification

	District Name	Number of Schools Served	Number of School Resource Officers Requested	Number of School Resource Officers Funded	Award Amount
1	Desoto County School District	28	25	25	\$250,000