

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
January 20, 2022

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04.B. Action: Award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-kindergarten programs [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.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: February 1, 2022 – June 20, 2024
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$ 6,300,000
- 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.

Level 1 Scoring Criteria:

Eligibility
Program Requirements

Budget and Narrative

Level 2 Interview Components:

Eligibility

Program Requirements

Budget and Narrative

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
Early Learning Collaborative Cohort IV Grants**

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded	Total
	February 2022 to June 2022	July 2022 to June 2023	July 2023 to June 2024	
Brookhaven Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$1,050,000
Kosciusko Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$1,050,000
Rankin County Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$1,950,000
Scott Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$1,500,000
South Panola Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000
TOTAL	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$6,300,000

**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.*

NOTE: An additional Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued within the next two weeks. The program office will debrief with all non-awarded applicants and will provide technical assistance prior to the release of the new RFP.