

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 29, 2022

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04.B. Action: Modify Early Learning Collaborative 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 Collaboratives 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 partnership 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 \$1,535,000 will be distributed to the seven listed collaboratives, identified through a needs assessment, to increase the number of children being served for the two remaining years of the grant period by 307 additional prekindergarten students.

Scope of Grant:

- Term of Current Grant: January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2024
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Term of Modified Grant: January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2024
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Cost of Current Grant: \$ 2,500,000
- Modification Increase: \$ 1,535,000
- Total Cost of Modified Grant: \$ 4,035,000

- Method of Award: As appropriated by: House Bill 1648 in 2013; House Bill 1643 in 2016; House Bill 1592 in 2018; House Bill 1700 in 2020; House Bill 1387 in 2021; House Bill 1600 in 2022

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**

FY2023 Early Learning Collaborative Modified Grants

Collaborative	Current Amount Awarded	Modified Amount Awarded	Number of Added Students Per Year (\$2,500 per student)	Total
Cleveland School District	\$ 312,500	\$ 400,000	80	\$ 712,500
Grenada Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 395,000	\$ 85,000	17	\$ 480,000
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 550,000	\$ 400,000	80	\$ 950,000
Petal Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	20	\$ 300,000
South Panola Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 250,000	\$ 50,000	10	\$ 300,000
Starkville Oktibbeha Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 425,000	\$ 400,000	80	\$ 825,000
Sunflower County Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 367,500	\$ 100,000	20	\$ 467,500
Total	\$2,500,000	\$1,535,000	307	\$4,035,000

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.