

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 9, 2023

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

02.A. Action: Award competitive grants to Early Learning Collaboratives 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 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 coalition 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: March 16, 2023 – June 30, 2025
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2025)
- Award Amount: \$ 2,100,000
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Review Criteria:

- A. Eligibility
- B. Program Requirements
- C. Budget and Narrative

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded March 2023 to June 2023	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2023 to June 2024	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2024 to June 2025	Total
Holly Springs Early Learning Collaborative	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$ 750,000
Lee County Early Learning Collaborative	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$ 1,050,000
Ocean Springs Early Learning Collaborative	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$ 2,100,000

**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.*