

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 18, 2024

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

03.A. Action: Award Educator-in-Residence (EIR) Grants to school districts for literacy coaching supports [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: In 2013, The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) was established for students enrolled in Mississippi public schools to achieve grade-level reading by the end of 3rd Grade. Under the provisions of the LBPA, MDE is responsible for providing technical assistance, practitioner expertise, and capacity building across the state, in literacy. The LBPA receives an annual appropriation to support effective implementation of the act.

The Office of Elementary Education and Reading, Division of Literacy, will award grants to participating Educator-in-Residence (EIR) districts based on successful competitive grant applications. Grant awards will be in the amount of salary, fringe benefits, and indirect costs up to 5%. EIR salaries are based on comparable state agency positions, school district positions, or similar professional roles. Incremental raises are included for extended year grant agreements. The grant funds are distributed each year based on legislative appropriation.

Awarding of the grant each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services, a performance evaluation, and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2027)
- Award Amount: \$2,375,384.24
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Qualifications
- B. Plan for Performing the Required Services
- C. Budget

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Competitive Grant Awards to Districts for
Educator-in-Residence (EIR) Program
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027**

District	Coach Name	FY25	FY26	FY27	Grand Total
Lee County	Hiu Laam Chow	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
	Kenny Goralczyk	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
	Mary Cathryn Cox	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
					\$709,514.79
Greenville Public	Quetta Stephney	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
	Patricia Hankins	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
					\$473,009.86
Vicksburg/Warren	Cassandra McCawley	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
Lafayette County	Melanie Wilbanks	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
Coahoma County	Ellen Frye	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
Marshall County	Sherry Barnes	\$80,771.99	\$83,033.94	\$83,033.94	\$246,839.87
Cleveland SD	Debra Bullock	\$77,867.47	\$77,867.47	\$80,769.99	\$236,504.93
					\$2,375,384.24