

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**December 17, 2020**

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

- C. Approval of methodology to award grants to state agencies to facilitate the broadcast of instructional content via a statewide television network available to Mississippi students and teachers

Background and Purpose: This grant opportunity is being developed as a result of known connectivity gaps throughout the State of Mississippi, and as a result the impact of COVID-19 on schools and families across Mississippi. Awarded funds may be used to support development, production, scheduling, and broadcast services of instructional content that will be available to families via a free statewide television network.

Eligibility: State agencies are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: State/Federal/Other

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

- Applicants will submit an application to the MDE.
- Grantees will be eligible to receive an amount up to \$75,000 annually, based on needs and availability of funding.
- Awards may continue for up to three (3) years based on availability of funding, performance, and completion of a continuation application.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None