

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 16, 2020

OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEADING

07.A. Action: Renew grant to the University of Mississippi for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program
University, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The grant will provide scholarships for 29 continuing critical shortage area teachers who are pursuing a Master of Education degree or an Educational Specialist degree. These selected participants must agree to continue employment in a Mississippi school district identified as a critical shortage area for a period of up to three (3) years. This is the tenth year of a ten-year annual renewal award. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-159-9 (2017), the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program is designed as an innovative partnership to address Mississippi's teacher shortage. The goal of the program is to attract additional qualified teachers to the critical teacher shortage areas of Mississippi This and retain the qualified teachers already serving as licensed teachers in geographical critical teacher shortage areas. Scholarships will be made available to persons seeking a Master of Education degree or Educational Specialist degree at a Mississippi institution of higher learning in exchange for employment in these geographical shortage areas. The vision for the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program is to provide educational experiences to students enrolled in at-risk schools that will allow these students to participate fully in the economic and social opportunities of our nation.

This is year ten (10) of a 10 year grant.

- July 16, 2020 – June 30, 2021: \$ 228,663
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2021)
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program Grant

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT	AWARDED AMOUNT
Year 1	\$ 587,607.00
Year 2	\$ 587,575.00
Year 3	\$ 587,533.00
Year 4	\$ 587,533.00
Year 5	\$ 587,409.00
Year 6	\$ 587,409.00
Year 7	\$ 587,409.00
Year 8	\$ 587,409.00
Year 9	\$ 364,998.00
Year 10	\$ 228,663.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,293,545.00

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon MS State Legislature Appropriation. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.