

**OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 15, 2021**

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09.E. Award grant to University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) for Behavioral Telehealth to Schools in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) will award funds to create an ecosystem of behavioral healthcare delivery system within the school setting that provides mental and behavioral health care to children and increase educator knowledge about behavioral management techniques by providing access to specialized behavioral healthcare providers. Also, the award will be used to improve access to mental health services by providing in-school mental and behavioral health therapy appointments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Renewal of grant for years two (2) through three (3) shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: April 15, 2021 – September 30, 2024  
(With a liquidation period ending December 31, 2024)
- Award Amount: Year 1 \$450,000  
Year 2 \$750,000  
Year 3 \$1,050,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A discretionary selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Program and Implementation
- B. Budget

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None