

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 20, 2021

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

05.B. Action: Renew and modify Early Learning Collaborative Council grants to support pre-kindergarten programs with an increased per-pupil rate [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Purpose: The purpose of the Early Learning Collaborative grant is to provide funding to Early Learning Collaborative Councils 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 council 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 child care 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 pre-kindergarten providers shall receive funds on an ongoing basis unless the collaborative and/or its pre-kindergarten providers no longer meet the criteria to participate in the program.

The per-pupil rate increased from \$2,150 to \$2,500 for a full-time student and from \$1,075 to \$1,250 for a part-time student.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$21,986,250
- Method of Award: Competitive Grants

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Elementary Education and Reading**

FY2022 Early Learning Collaborative Cohort I & II Modified Grants

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2021 to June 2022	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2022 to June 2023	Maximum Amount Awarded July 2023 to June 2024	TOTAL
Clarke County Early Learning Partnership	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$690,000
Coahoma County Pre-K Collaborative Initiative	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1,200,000
Corinth-Alcorn Prentiss Early Learning Collaborative	\$603,750	\$603,750	\$603,750	\$1,811,250
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$1,050,000
McComb Community Collaborative for Early Learning Success	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$1,440,000
Monroe Early Learning Collaborative	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$1,875,000
Petal Early Learning Collaborative	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
Picayune School District	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$150,000

Sunflower County Early Learning Collaborative	\$367,500	\$367,500	\$367,500	\$1,102,500
Tallahatchie Early Learning Alliance	\$297,500	\$297,500	\$297,500	\$892,500
Greenwood Leflore County Early Learning Collaborative	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$1,035,000
Grenada Early Learning Collaborative	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$1,035,000
Starkville Oktibbeha Early Learning Collaborative	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$1,035,000
TOTAL	\$4,638,750	\$4,638,750	\$4,638,750	\$13,916,250

FY2022 Early Learning Collaborative Cohort III Renewal and Modified Grants

Collaborative Council	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded	TOTAL
	July 2021 to June 2022	July 2022 to June 2023	July 2023 to June 2024	
Cleveland School District	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$675,000
George County School District	\$397,500	\$397,500	\$397,500	\$1,192,500
Hattiesburg Public School District	\$822,500	\$822,500	\$822,500	\$2,467,500
Oxford School District	\$795,000	\$795,000	\$795,000	\$2,385,000
Marion County School District	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$1,350,000
TOTAL	\$2,690,000	\$2,690,000	\$2,690,000	\$8,070,000

**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.*