

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**December 16, 2021**

**THE OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING**

05.G. Action: Award competitive grants to five (5) Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) for the Mississippi Teacher Residency in Critical Shortage Areas [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) through the Office of Teaching and Leading solicited competitive sealed proposals from qualified IHEs for a Mississippi Teacher Residency (MTR) program. The MTR is a program that combines college coursework and job-embedded training to prepare prospective educators for teaching profession. The program will provide grants to Mississippi educator preparation programs to enroll candidates for each school year to work toward their graduate degree and Mississippi teacher certification.

The MTR will prepare diverse and effective teachers in critical shortage areas serving low-income children, racial/ethnic minorities, and children with disabilities disproportionately impacted by Covid-19. The MTR is part of a statewide strategy to expand and diversify the teacher pipeline, so that all students have teachers who are well-prepared, appropriately licensed, and can serve as role models. The grant enables the MDE to provide funds for collaboration between IHEs and school district partners to develop graduate teacher residency programs.

Renewal of grant for years three (3) through five (5) 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: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024  
(with a liquidation period ending December 8, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$9,886,468.04
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: ESSER II/ARP ESSER

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Community Collaboration
- B. Program Plan and Implementation
- C. Management and Staffing
- D. Budget

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

### Mississippi Teacher Residency in Critical Shortage Areas Grantee Awards

Institution of Higher Education	Year 1 Grant Award	Year 2 Grant Award	Total
Delta State University	\$ 951,463.20	\$951,463.20	\$1,902,926.40
Jackson State University	\$1,019,294.82	\$1,019,294.82	\$2,038,589.64
Mississippi State University	\$1,017,568.00	\$1,019,012.00	\$2,036,580.00
University of Southern Mississippi	\$1,019,917.00	\$1,019,909.00	\$2,039,826.00
William Carey University	\$929,003.00	\$939,543.00	\$1,868,546.00
	\$4,937,246.02	\$4,949,222.02	\$9,886,468.04

*The MDE reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon grant funding. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.*