

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 7, 2024

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

03.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the ELC Cohort V Round IV Grant [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: These grants are to provide funding to support high-quality Pre-Kindergarten programs as established through the Early Learning Collaborative Act. The Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 was established to provide funding to local communities to enhance, expand, support, and facilitate the successful implementation of quality early childhood education and development services.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: March 8, 2024 – June 30, 2026
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2026)
- Award Amount: \$ 792,500
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funds. Grant awards are subject to availability of funds contingent upon legislative appropriation.

Summary of Selection Process:

An application and priority point process were utilized to award grants.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

ELC Cohort V Round IV Program Awards

District/Partnership	Award Amount
Pascagoula -Gautier SD/CASOMS -Head Start	\$285,000
West Jasper SD/Friends of Children of (FCM) Mississippi, Inc.	\$150,000
West Point SD/The Institute of Community Services, Inc. Project Head Start	\$357,500
TOTAL	\$792,500