

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 15, 2021**

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

09.B. Action: Award competitive grant to state agency to facilitate the broadcast of instructional content via a statewide television network available to Mississippi students and teachers [Goals 1, 2 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: This grant award is an effort to bridge the connectivity gaps throughout the State of Mississippi and mitigate some of the impact of COVID-19 on schools and families across Mississippi. Awarded funds will be used to support development, production, scheduling, and broadcast services of instructional content that will be available to families via a free statewide television network.

Renew of grant for optional year two (2) and three (3) is contingent upon availability of funds and a previous year’s performance evaluation.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: April 26, 2021 – September 30, 2024  
(With a liquidation period ending December 30, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$50,000 - Year 1  
\$50,000 - Year 2  
\$50,000 - Year 3
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State/Federal/Other

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Modality
- B. Continuity
- C. Communications
- D. Meta Data/Data Driven Decision Making
- E. Professional Development
- F. Curriculum
- G. Funding

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None