

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

05.C. Action: Award Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grants to school districts for literacy coaches [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: In 2013, The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) was established for students enrolled in Mississippi public schools to achieve grade-level reading by the end of 3rd Grade. Under the provisions of the LBPA, MDE is responsible for providing technical assistance, practitioner expertise, and capacity building across the state, in the area of literacy. The LBPA receives an annual appropriation to support effective implementation of the act.

Grants will be awarded to school districts in support of the Educator-in-Residence program. These grants will place two additional literacy coaches in literacy support schools across the state. Literacy support schools are identified for coaching support based on the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring below proficient on the statewide assessment.

Literacy coach support will include, but is not limited to: providing daily technical support to school-based coaches or lead teachers in their capacity to support instruction of the five components of reading, implement curriculum, administer assessments, analyze data, and utilize technology; modeling, effective coaching and conferencing techniques; and assisting administrators, school-based literacy coaches, and teachers in addressing grade specific curriculum by developing an effective school-wide literacy plan and providing strategies for monitoring the plan's implementation.

Grants will be a multi-year renewal of Cohort 3: Mississippi Department of Education Request for Application (RFA) for Kindergarten to 3rd grade Literacy Coach, Educators-in-Residence (EIRs) dated January 4, 2021 with an optional two-year renewal period based on performance evaluations with the grant ending June 30, 2023.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: August 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2023)
- Award Amount: \$73,752.48 – Year 1
\$73,752.48 – Year 2

- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funded – *Literacy-Based Promotion Act, 2013*

Summary of Selection Process:

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

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 Competitive Grant Awards to Districts for
 Educator-in-Residence (EIR) Program
 Cohort 3 2022-2023 School Year**

District	Title	FY 22 (SY 2021-2022)	FY 23 (SY 2022-2023)	Total Awarded to Districts (FY 22-FY 23)
Lamar County School District	Literacy Coach	\$ 73,752.48	\$ 73,752.48	\$147,504.96
Oxford School District	Literacy Coach	\$73,752.48	\$ 73,752.48	\$147,504.96
TOTAL		\$147,504.96	\$147,504.96	\$ 295,009.92