

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 10, 2022

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04.A. Action: Award competitive grants for the State Invested Pre-Kindergarten Program [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature, in 2022, appropriated new state funding to provide public schools a grant opportunity to implement pre-K programs. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding to support high-quality pre-Kindergarten programs for four-year-old children in districts that are not part of an Early Learning Collaborative. The new pre-K programs will meet all ten National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) benchmarks: use of early learning standards, curriculum supports, teacher degree, teacher specialized training, assistant teacher degree, staff professional development, maximum class size, staff-child ratio, screenings and referrals, and a continuous quality improvement system. Partnerships with local child care centers or Head Start grantees are not a condition for receiving these grants, but is incentivized as a criterion for extra points in the application process.

Continuation of this grant for years two (2) through three (3) 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: November 14, 2022 – June 30, 2025
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2025)
- Award Amount: \$15,450,000
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Eligibility
- B. Need for Pre-K
- C. Program Requirements

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

State Invested Pre-K Grant Program

Grantee	Head Start Partnership	Classrooms	Amount Granted per Classroom	Grant Amount per Year	Total Grant Amount 2022 - 2025 Three (3) Years
Bay St. Louis - Waveland SD		6	\$100,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,800,000
Jefferson Davis County SD		2	\$100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Lauderdale County SD		8	\$100,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 2,400,000
Natchez-Adams SD		2	\$100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Newton Municipal SD	X	2	\$125,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000
North Bolivar SD		2	\$100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Smith County SD	X	4	\$125,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Tupelo Municipal SD		1	\$100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 300,000
Union County SD		2	\$100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 600,000
Vicksburg - Warren SD		11	\$100,000	\$1,100,000	\$ 3,300,000
Wayne County SD		10	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
TOTAL		50		\$5,150,000	\$15,450,000