

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**June 16, 2022**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

05.C. Action: Award grant to Mississippi School Boards Association to conduct basic and continuing education for local school boards as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-4 [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: To prepare and conduct a course of training for basic and continuing education for the local school board members of this state in order for board members to carry out their duties more effectively. The Mississippi School Boards Association shall be responsible for preparing and conducting a course of training for basic education for the local school board members of this state, in order for board members to carry out their duties more effectively and be exposed to new ideas involving school restructuring. The basic course shall be known as the “School Board Member Training Course” and shall consist of at least twelve (12) hours of training.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023  
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2023)
- Award Amount: \$ 62,500
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State Funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



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April 21, 2022

To whom it may concern:

I understand that Mississippi Department of Education has recommended level funding for 2022-2023. With that in mind, Mississippi School Boards Association requests \$62,500 to assist in the facilitation of the required Basic Course for New School Board Members and the Children First Act training. The funds will be expended as follows:

<b>Basic Course for New School Board Members (\$55,000)</b>	
Research, Development, Presentation	\$28,050
Office Operation – Postage, Phone, Fax, Copies, Data Processing and Bookkeeping	\$ 6,600
Contractual Services – Presenters’ Expenses, Presenters’ Mileage, Presenter’s Honorarium, Building/Space Rental, Equipment Rental, Event Meals	\$ 7,700
Commodities/Other –Materials, Supplies	\$12,650
<b>Children First Act (\$7,500)</b>	
Research, Development, Presentation	\$ 3,600
Office Operation – Postage, Phone, Fax, Copies, Data Processing and Bookkeeping	\$ 2,000
Contractual Services – Presenters’ Expenses, Presenters’ Mileage, Presenter’s Honorarium, Building/Space Rental, Equipment Rental, Event Meals	\$ 1,450
Commodities/Other –Materials, Supplies	<u>\$ 450</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>

With best regards,

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cc: Dr. Paula Vanderford, Chief of Accountability, Mississippi Department of Education  
Dr. Jo Ann Malone, Executive Director of Accreditation, Mississippi Department of Education