

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 13, 2019

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

05.D. Action: Award competitive grants for Smart Lab Project [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The MDE, Office of Career and Technical Education is seeking local schools and districts to participate in a Smart Lab Project. Smart Labs in a K-12 setting help to engage, motivate and empower learners to build 21st Century skills and to prepare their students to compete in a global economy. Smart Labs help students learn about technology and help them learn to use technology in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Smart Labs also help students learn critical problem-solving skills in a multidisciplinary environment, with numerous opportunities to apply principles of math, science, language arts, and other academic disciplines in engaging, and relevant ways. Smart Lab Project activities are extensions of the current Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness math and science standards, which develop communication skills vital to scholastic and professional success.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: June 13, 2019 – June 30, 2019
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2019)
- Award Amount: \$ 159,471.25
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Project Description
- B. Assurances
- C. Intervention
- D. Evaluation
- E. Budget

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Smart Lab RFA Awards

| District | Award Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Neshoba County School District | \$159,471.25 |
| TOTAL | \$159,471.25 |