

Mary Kirkpatrick–Haskell, Mary Sprayberry Act, Public School Nurse Program

Background and Purpose

In 2007, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mary Kirkpatrick–Haskell, Mary Sprayberry Act, Public School Nurse Program, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37–14–3. The program receives an annual legislative appropriation of \$3,060,000.00 for the purpose of continued support for the School Nurse Intervention Program. Each year the funds are distributed in the form of competitive grants totaling up to \$50,000 each. A district may receive more than one award based on need to support multiple clinics. The requirement includes a grant agreement with specific benchmarks for the districts receiving these funds. Awarding of the grant each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services, a performance evaluation, and the availability of funds. Every five years, The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), Office of Healthy Schools will seek competitive written proposals from qualified Applicants to apply for the Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell–Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Grant.

Work Details

The Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Healthy Schools, will provide school districts opportunities to enhance their school nurse program by either hiring a new school nurse or supplementing an already existing nurse to participate in the Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell – Mary Sprayberry School Nurse program. Districts must demonstrate school readiness for a nursing program, how the funds will be used to achieve the goals and objectives of the program and implement a world-class educational system. The grant will be awarded to employ a School Nurse to serve as coordinator of the health services program, including providing nursing care, health education to students/staff or supplement an already existing school nurse program.

Period of Performance

The grant agreement will include a multi-year grant not to exceed five years.

All grant awards are at the discretion of the State Board of Education (SBE).

Each year of the grant shall be contingent upon successful completion of the services in the preceding year's grant, availability of funds, and performance evaluation.

Place of Performance

Mississippi Local school districts and local education authorities may apply.