

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Approval of Grants

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # EEO-O-001
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other Grants

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Chief Financial Officer, Financial and Business Services), Mr. John Pruette (Executive Director, Office of School Readiness), Dr. Ben Matthews (Director, School Support Division), and Dr. Lynn Hoggard (Section Chief, Child Nutrition Services)

Description:

The grants listed below are being submitted for approval. Please see attachments for description of grants.

- Attachment 1 – Even Start Family Literacy Program – Recommended Grant Awards 2009-2010
- Attachment 2 – Equipment Assistance Grant

Resources:

See attachments

Input Process:

See attachments

Stakeholders:

See attachments

Timeline For Action:

Action on First Reading is being recommended in order to distribute funding to school systems in a timely manner.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the grants.

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 Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
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*Person responsible for SBE agenda materials and SBE policy updates: Teresa Matthews, 807-3600.

SUMMARY OF GRANT**Title: Even Start Family Literacy Program-Recommended Grant Awards 2009-2010****Policy Implications:**

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy #EEO-O-001
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other Federal Even Start Grant

Presenter(s): Mr. John Pruette (Executive Director, Office of School Readiness)**Description:**

Federal Even Start Family Literacy funds (\$1,466,471 projected) and 2008-09 carryover (\$118,682 estimated) for a total of \$1,585,153 will be used to improve educational opportunities for children and adults by integrating early childhood and adult education into one unified program. Even Start Programs provide high-quality early childhood education for children who qualify and adult basic and parenting education for their parents who have dropped out of school and/or lack literacy skills required to be successful. Five continuation sites and six new sites are recommended for 2009-2010 funding. Projects are funded for four years and are subject to the availability of federal grant funds and approval of annual continuation applications. After four successful years, sites may re-apply.

Resources:

Federal

Input Process:

The funding process was reviewed by the Committee of Practitioners, Even Start Directors, and Office of School Readiness before final allocations were made.

Stakeholders:

Students at-risk of school failure and their families, educators working in family literacy programs, and communities across North Carolina working to increase literacy rates among adults and children.

Recommendations:

Following review and based on availability of federal funds, the State Board is asked to approve the recommended Even Start Family Literacy sites for the 2009-2010 program year.

Continuation Grants

Subject to availability of federal funding, the following LEAs are recommended for continuation funding.

LEA	Funding Amount	Education District
Ashe County	\$87,700	7
Bertie County	\$85,000	1
Caldwell County	\$176,680	7
Craven County	\$160,900	2
Lenoir County	\$152,800	2
Total	\$663,080	

New Grants

Subject to the availability of federal funding, the following LEAs are recommended for funding.

LEA	Funding Amount	Education District
Burke County	\$170,000	7
Greene County	\$140,474	2
Lee County	\$120,000	4
Randolph County/Asheboro City	\$166,500	5
Rutherford County	\$128,346	8
Washington County	\$175,000	1
Total	\$900,320	

 Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
 Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

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SUMMARY OF GRANT**Title:** Equipment Assistance Grant**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy #EEO-O-001
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other Grant

Presenter(s): Mr. Philip Price (Chief Financial Officer, Financial and Business Services), Dr. Ben Matthews (Director, School Support Division), and Dr. Lynn Hoggard (Section Chief, Child Nutrition Section)

Description:

Public Law 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), provides a one-time appropriation to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in the amount of \$3,313,727 for competitive grants to School Food Authorities (SFAs)* participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). These funds must be used to purchase equipment used in the preparation and service of school meals. The Act requires preference to be given to schools where 50% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals when awarding the grants; SFAs must have the capacity to manage these funds as demonstrated by their compliance with all Federal regulations that govern the NSLP. (*Note: School Food Authorities include Public, Charter and Non-Public Schools, and Residential Child Care Institutions.)

Guidance for State Agencies administering these ARRA funds has been provided by the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). According to the guidance, equipment is defined as “non-expendable, tangible property with a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000.

All eligible SFAs were invited to submit competitive proposals; the Request for Proposals was issued on March 31, 2009, and proposals were to be returned no later than May 15, 2009. SFAs were required to complete a SFA Application Summary, which enabled the SFA to prioritize their equipment requests, and a School Application that described the specific school for which the equipment was requested. Proposals were required to provide the following information: the total school enrollment, percentage of students that qualify for free or reduced price meals, the school’s average daily meal participation, the SFA’s current operating balance, an equipment specification, and a copy of the most responsive quote or bid from a qualified vendor. Based on USDA guidance, SFAs were required to justify equipment needs based on the achievement of one or more of the following goals:

1. The equipment requested would improve food safety;
2. The equipment requested would increase energy efficiency;
3. The equipment requested would increase student participation; and
4. The equipment requested would improve nutrition integrity.

State Agencies were allowed to expand upon these goals; NCDPI chose to add a fifth goal which was that the equipment requested would better equip the school to implement nutrition standards as mandated by the NC General Assembly and adopted by the State Board of Education. Collectively, the information required in the proposal and the SFA’s justification based on achieving the goals shown above, provided the criteria for awarding the grants.

A Selection Committee reviewed all proposals. The proposals were scored based upon the objective criteria described above. Proposals receiving the highest total scores were to be ranked by score. Available funds were allocated to the proposals receiving the highest scores. All reasonable efforts were made to distribute funds

