

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**September 26, 2023**

**SUBJECT:**

Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Awards to Aiken County Public School District – FY24

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Aiken County Public School District has received \$40,000.00 in grant awards from Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) made possible through the generosity of Battelle Savannah River Alliance, LLC. (BSRA), and the Columbus Foundation. The purpose of K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Program is to support teachers in bringing STEM into K-12 classrooms which provides students with real-life skills, making them better problem solvers and better prepared for their future. After evaluating all of the grant applications submitted to SRNL, nine Aiken County Public School District teachers were selected to receive awards. The funds are to be used by the awardee teachers to carry out the projects stated in their grant application. The individual awardees are listed below:

<b>School</b>	<b>Awardee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aiken County Career and Technology Center	Christie Palladino	\$ 5,000.00
Aiken High School	Jason Redd	\$ 2,500.00
Graniteville Elementary	Mark Cota	\$ 5,000.00
Graniteville Elementary	Katie Craig	\$ 5,000.00
Greendale Elementary School	Gordon Gaskill	\$ 2,500.00
Highland Springs Middle School	Paige Day	\$ 5,000.00
Jackson STEM Middle Magnet School	Jennifer McMillian	\$ 5,000.00
Midland Valley High School	Lisa Durden	\$ 5,000.00
Warrenville Elementary School	Carrie Lucas	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Awarded:</b>		<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district educational goals.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the \$40,000.00 in SRNL K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education grant awards to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY24 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

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