

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 24, 2021

SUBJECT:

Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) Head Start / Early Head Start Program
Carryover Request: 07/01/2020-10/31/2020 | Start-up and Pro-rated Funds

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The school district was approved for a five-year Head Start/Early Head Start grant in May of 2020, and the 5-year project period began on July 1, 2020 and extends through June 30, 2025. ACPSD was awarded start-up and pro-rated 07/01/2020-10/31/2020 funding in the amount of \$1,635,659.00 to support the start-up and operating expenses associated with the first 4 months of the program. Due to COVID, there were planned activities that were not able to be initiated and/or completed within the original time frame. The program has expended \$556,687.85 and has a remaining balance of \$1,078,971.15. Grantees may request a carryover of funds that are within the 5-year project period.

These carryover funds would be used for the initiation, continuation and/or completion of activities such as: installation of fire alarm systems at the Aiken, Monetta, and Barnwell sites; security surveillance systems for all sites; bus/vehicle maintenance and repairs; bus communication system; bus surveillance systems; building maintenance and repairs to include but not limited to HVAC replacements at Aiken and Monetta sites, painting of facilities, removal of carpet flooring and replacement with vinyl flooring, installation of awnings, kitchen equipment repairs or replacement; commercial appraisals on Head Start/Early Head Start Facilities to develop non-federal share match amounts based on fair market rental value; and hotspot devices for policy council members and families with limited access to internet.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Administration has reviewed the requirements of the Head Start/Early Head Start Carryover Balance submission and find them consistent with district goals and policies.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the carryover balance request in the amount of \$1,078,971.15 to complete planned start-up/initial actions and activities outlined in the previously approved funding application.

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