

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 11, 2020

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant for Aiken and Barnwell Counties – FY21

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Head Start (HA) and Early Head Start (EHS) competitive grant opportunity is a federally-funded grant provided through the Office of Head Start (OHS) and administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), and operating division (OPDIV) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The grant's purpose is to provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to enhance the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of participating children; support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

The Aiken/Barnwell Head Start and Early Head Start programs will provide comprehensive child development services to predominantly economically disadvantaged children and their families serving communities that are unserved and/or under-served. The programs' primary purpose is to prepare children to be ready for school.

The Head Start and Early Head Start grant submission was approved for eight locations at the October 22, 2019 board meeting. The Office of Head Start (OHS) requires an updated grant proposal to the total amount of \$3,587,850.00. The amount of funding for the Head Start program is \$2,702,983.00. The amount of funding for the Early Head Start program is \$884,867.00. The grant includes services for 382 students.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the updated grant proposal of the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant for \$3,587,850.00 and receipt of funds.

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