

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**July 26, 2022**

**SUBJECT:**

Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) Head Start / Early Head Start Program  
 1) Continuation Funding Application: Fiscal Year: 11/01/2022 – 10/31/2023  
 2) School Readiness Goals & Program Goals

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Office of Head Start requires that all Head Start and Early Head Start programs submit continuation funding applications no later than 90 days before the end of the program’s current fiscal budget year. ACPSD’s budget year ends on 10/31/2022.

Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) proposes to continue to provide Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) comprehensive services for a total of **384** children- (326 HS; 58 EHS) through **center-based options in Aiken and Barnwell Counties, South Carolina in the municipalities of Aiken, Graniteville, Gloverville, Wagener, Monetta, Barnwell, Williston and Blackville** to address the needs of unserved and/or underserved communities with high rates of poverty, and limited, affordable, and accessible high- quality childcare. The annual proposed Federal cost for operating the HS/EHS program for eligible children and families will be **\$3,734,502**. The total non-federal share (NFS) amount required is **\$933,626**; however, an NFS waiver will be submitted in accordance with ACF-IM-HS-21-01: Updated Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Fiscal and Administrative Flexibilities.

Fiscal Year: 11/01/2022 – 10/31/2023  
 Total Funding Application Amount: **\$3,734,502**

| Budget Categories   | Head Start             | Early Head Start     | Total                  |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Personnel/Wages   | \$ 1,554,468.00        | \$ 367,072.00        | \$ 1,921,540.00        |
| Fringe  | \$ 878,274.00          | \$ 207,396.00        | \$ 1,085,670.00        |
| Travel (Out of Area)  | \$ 4,000.00            | \$ 4,000.00          | \$ 8,000.00            |
| Equipment   | \$ -                   | \$ -                 | \$ -                   |
| Supplies  | \$ 150,178.00          | \$ 126,609.00        | \$ 276,787.00          |
| Contractual   | \$ 60,000.00           | \$ 131,543.00        | \$ 191,543.00          |
| Renovations/Construction                                    | \$ 10,000.00           | \$ 10,000.00         | \$ 20,000.00           |
| Other   | \$ 125,396.00          | \$ 63,080.00         | \$ 188,476.00          |
| Operating Totals  | \$ 2,782,316.00        | \$ 909,700.00        | \$ 3,692,016.00        |
| Training & Technical Assistance                             | \$ 31,865.00           | \$ 10,621.00         | \$ 42,486.00           |
| <b>Grant total</b>  | <b>\$ 2,814,181.00</b> | <b>\$ 920,321.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,734,502.00</b> |
| Non_Federal Share Required<br>(NFS) <b>Waiver Requested</b> | 0                      | 0                    | 0                      |

**SCHOOL READINESS/PROGRAM GOALS:**

Head Start Performance Standards: 1302.102 requires a program, in collaboration with the governing body and policy council, to establish goals and measurable objectives that include school readiness goals and Strategic long-term goals.

School Readiness Goals for 2022-2023 is for 80% of children to meet/exceed widely held expectations in demonstrating proficiency in Social/Emotional, Physical, Language & Literacy, and Cognitive development from Fall to Spring.

Program Goals: At least 50% of parents elected to the Policy Council will participate in regularly scheduled Policy Council meetings; At least 50% of parents will participate in Parent & Child Together (PACT) at-home learning activities and experiences; 100% of HS/EHS Management team will participate in Child Plus (child/family services tracking software) training.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The administration has reviewed the requirements of the Head Start/Early Head Start Continuation funding application submission and found them consistent with district goals and policies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the submission of the Office of Head Start Continuation Funding application and the receipt of funds to operate Head Start/Early Head Start, if awarded.

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