

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 12, 2025

SUBJECT:

Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Awards to Aiken County Public School District – FY26

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District has received \$20,000.00 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, five 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:

School	Awardee	Amount
Aiken Elementary School	Kari Keck	\$ 2,500.00
Chukker Creek Elementary School	Jeannie Simmons	\$ 5,000.00
Jackson STEM Magnet Middle School	Valarie McGahee	\$ 5,000.00
New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School	Christina Walcott	\$ 2,500.00
South Aiken High School	Danielle Altringer	\$ 5,000.00
Total Awarded:		\$ 20,000.00

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 \$20,000.00 in SRNL K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education grant awards to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY26 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the awards and expenditures.

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