

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 22, 2024

SUBJECT:

Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education Awards to Aiken County Public School District – FY25

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District has received \$25,000.00 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, seven 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
East Aiken School of the Arts	Matthew Saenz	\$ 2,500.00
Greendale Elementary School	Benjamin Cooke	\$ 5,000.00
Greendale Elementary School	Debbie Williams	\$ 2,500.00
Hammond Hill Elementary	Lisa Spears	\$ 5,000.00
Jackson STEM Middle Magnet School	Jennifer McMillian	\$ 2,500.00
Midland Valley High School	Kimberly Coffin	\$ 2,500.00
Midland Valley High School	Kelly Reed	\$ 5,000.00
Total Awarded:		\$ 25,000.00

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 \$25,000.00 in SRNL K-12 Catalyst Grant for STEM Education grant awards to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures.

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