

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 22, 2019

SUBJECT:

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Head Start (HS) 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 predominately economically disadvantaged children and their families serving communities that are unserved and/or underserved. The programs' primary purpose is to prepare children to be ready for school.

The funds in the amount of \$3,406,978.00 annually will be available to provide HS/EHS services to eligible children and their families in Aiken and Barnwell Counties. This dollar amount includes base funding of \$3,364,492.00 (for use in program operations, staffing, materials, equipment, facilities, etc.) and training and technical assistance funding of \$42,486.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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