



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Melody Hobson, Administrator
Linda Meyers, Education Specialist

SUBJECT: Awards for new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants

Proposed Board Action:

Approve awards for new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants to the identified public school districts.

Background Information:

Funds for awarding new and expansion Early Childhood Education Program grants are available due to eligible districts rollover to state aid. Contingent upon the availability of state funds on July 1, grants will be provided to twelve (12) public school districts to provide collaborative early childhood programs to serve at-risk four-year-old children eligible to attend kindergarten in the following year.

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education Grant Program is to improve equity of access to early childhood education/prekindergarten programs. Children of diverse characteristics will be served in inclusive environments and will be better prepared to enter school and be successful. Early Childhood programs are required to operate in compliance with Rule 11 – Regulations for Early Childhood Education Programs.

Grants are awarded to eight (8) districts in Congressional District #1 and four (4) districts in Congressional District #3. In communities with a population under 1,000, seven (7) districts are awarded a grant. In communities with a population between 1,000 and 5,000, one (1) district is awarded a grant. In communities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000, two (2) districts are awarded a grant. In communities with a population between 20,000 and 25,000, one (1) district is awarded a grant and in communities with a population over 100,000, one (1) district is awarded a grant.

Approximately 322 children are expected to be served as a result of this funding.

Estimated Cost:

The total funded amount is \$1,342,142.

Supporting Documentation Included:

The following public school districts are recommended to receive an Early Childhood Education grant:

Allen Consolidated Schools
Grant Award: \$30,000
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 10

Cedar Bluffs Public Schools
Grant Award: \$124,923

Number of Classrooms: 1 full-day
Proposed Number of Children: 20

Cedar Rapids Public Schools
Grant Award: \$50,000
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 10

Columbus Public Schools
Grant Award: \$125,000
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 30

Elm Creek Public Schools
Grant Award: \$123,417
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 30

Hay Springs Public Schools
Grant Award: \$25,000
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 10

Lincoln Public Schools
Grant Award: \$350,659
Number of Classrooms: 4 part-day & 1 full-day
Proposed Number of Children: 85

Madison Public Schools
Grant Award: \$100,000
Number of Classrooms: 1 full-day
Proposed Number of Children: 20

Nebraska City Public Schools
Grant Award: \$124,917
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 40

Plattsmouth Community Schools
Grant Award: \$45,978
Number of Classrooms: 1 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 20

Shickley Public Schools
Grant Award: \$125,000
Number of Classrooms: 1 full-day
Proposed Number of Children: 17

Winnebago Public Schools
Grant Award: \$117,248
Number of Classrooms: 2 part-day
Proposed Number of Children: 30

For Additional Information on this item:

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