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**Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Grant –**

Item Name

EAP – Grant – Residential Treatment Facilities Grant

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to award a grant to 19 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) at a cost not to exceed \$3,754,765 in State Funds for FY12 Residential Treatment Facilities Grant.

Rationale

These grant awards provide state funding to LEAs with Residential Facilities served under O.C.G.A. 20-2-133(b) for the difference between the actual state funds received for eligible children and the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in educating those children.

Details

Objective: FY12 Residential Treatment Facility State Grants (This grant is contingent upon the continued availability of state appropriations.)

Grant Recipient: 19 LEAs with 22 approved Residential Treatment Facilities

Grant Amount: at a cost not to exceed \$3,754,765

Funding Source: State Funds

Grant Period for Recipient: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Grant Cycle: Annual, as funded by the General Assembly

Yearly? How many years? 1 year

Budget History (minimum of three years):
 FY11-\$3,854,848
 FY10 - \$3,744,504 (\$3,711,944 Original Grant and \$32,560 Special Legislative Appropriation for Richmond County on behalf of Lighthouse Care Center)
 FY09 - \$3,810,685
 FY08 - \$4,000,000
 FY07 - \$1,429,662

Performance, Criteria, and Results:
 The GaDOE and responsible LEAs oversee the budgeting of these funds as required in the grant funding requirements and monitor the approved residential facilities' reimbursement requests to ensure that expenditures for this grant are expended per the approved budget.

Summary

Scope of Grant:
 The General Assembly appropriated state grant funding in the amount of \$3,831,393 for FY12 grants to LEAs with approved residential facilities. As a part of the Governor's deficit reduction request, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is withholding \$76,628 (two percent) of the total grant award. The remaining amount of \$3,754,765 is available for disbursement to LEAs serving eligible children in residential facilities approved for service under O.C.G.A. 20-2-133(b).

Twenty-two approved facilities served by 19 LEAs are included in the FY12 Residential Facility State Grant. Of these 22 approved residential facilities, 20 are served by their LEAs as "schools", and two are served by their LEAs as "programs". The 20 approved residential facilities served as "schools" must meet all the accountability requirements as traditional LEA schools. The accountability for the two approved residential facilities served by their LEA as "programs" is the responsibility of the home school of the LEA.

Purpose of Grant:

LEAs with residential facilities within their boundaries and approved for services under O.C.G.A. 20-2-133(b) are responsible for the provision of all education programs, including special education and related services for all eligible children physically present in the LEA. The LEAs are also responsible for providing textbooks or any other reading material to each student enrolled in a class requiring these materials. For those residential facilities served as schools by the LEA, the state textbook allocation is included in the Quality Basic Education (QBE) allocation.

LEAs are held harmless by the state from expending local funds in providing these services to children unable to leave the facility in which they have been placed. This state grant funding is intended to assist LEAs in the provision of educational services for these eligible students in lieu of, or with minimal expenditures of, local funding.

History:

How the Grant Recipient was Selected: October 12, 2011

- Formula Grant
- Competitive Grant (FOGA Number [Click here to enter text.](#))

Describe the grant process:

The FY12 Residential Facility State Grant awards are formula based using a process that takes into account the number of eligible children of each facility and the educational services for eligible children with higher needs which result in higher educational costs. This formula is based on 2012 Quality Basic Education (QBE) Allocation Earnings Sheets as detailed below. The grant award formula uses two different processes for calculating the amounts for each grant based on LEA service to the residential facility. The awarded grant funding must be used by the LEA to provide direct instructional and related services for the approved residential facility. Funding for LEAs that serve approved residential facilities were calculated using the **2012 QBE Site Allocations Sheet** amount for **Total Direct Instruction**. This document is located on the Georgia Department of Education's Finance and Business Operations, Budget Services Web site. (Please see the attachment, [FY12 Residential Facility State Grants Calculation Process](#), for the complete steps of this process.)

Describe how the grant will be monitored:

LEAs are responsible for monitoring the expenditure of grant funds by the residential facility. The LEA and the residential facility jointly prepare the budget for approval by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). This budget is submitted for approval through Georgia's Consolidated Application by the LEA and the LEA must agree to assurances in accepting the awarded funds. The LEA submits all requests for reimbursement of approved grant funding through the Grants Accounting Online Reporting System (GAORS) Invoice Payment Application. This process enables the LEA and the GaDOE to ensure that grant

funding is expended as approved in the application budget and adds an additional layer of review for all expenditures of grant funding. Grantees are required to adhere to internal controls that include internal annual audits. Since LEAs serving approved residential facilities are eligible for and receive federal funding, they are monitored by the Title Program Cross-functional Monitoring Team in three year cycles.

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