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GRANT AWARD APPROVAL FORM

1. Official Name of Grant Program: _____ Date of SBE approval of grant criteria 05/09/02

2005 – 2006 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant Initial Amendment Continuation
(years) (title) (type)

Legislation Authorizing this Grant Program: P.A. 155 of 2005, Section 32d (3) of the State School Aid Act; P.A. 154 of 2005, Michigan Department of Education Appropriations Act

Federal Grant CFDA Number State Grant Other (Private, Foundation)

2. Type and Purpose of Grant Program: (check one)

The longitudinal evaluation of the state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children at risk of school failure is important in development and furthering the SBE priorities of ensuring early childhood literacy and integrating communities and schools. The fourth of five years of the continuation grant will maintain the focus on the effectiveness of the program and on continuous program improvement.

Competitive
 Formula
 Other

(specify)

3. SBE Priorities and Policies that this Grant Program Supports: (check all that apply)

Priorities

- Integrating Communities and Schools
- Elevating Educational Leadership
- Embracing the Information Age
- Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy
- Ensuring Excellent Educators

Policies

- Bullying
- Character Education
- Creating Effective Learning Environments
- Family Involvement
- Safe Schools

Other

(specify)

4. Grant Categories (if not described in Item 2): NOT APPLICABLE

5. Target Population to be Served by Grant:

The Michigan School Readiness Program will potentially serve almost 26,000 four-year-old children in FY 2006, although some children may be served full-day, resulting in a slightly lower population. A continuing intensive evaluation will follow cohort 1, who will be in ninth grade in 2005-2006, and cohort 2, who will be in eighth grade, in six participating program grantees/consortia of grantees. The extensive evaluation will involve all 471 participating school districts and 60 funded agencies to enhance the effectiveness of the programs based on data from the intensive evaluation.

6. Total Funds Awarded:

\$200,000 from the State School Aid Act, Section 32
\$100,000 from the Department of Education Appropriations Act

7. Eligible Applicants:

Any agency or organization with previous experience in the design and utilization of program and process evaluation. The initial competitive grant was offered to educational research organizations, universities and ISDs in 1994-95, and awarded to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation for three years. A second competition was held for the 1997-98 grant, with continuation contingent on funding and performance for an additional five years. An additional five-year award for the third round of funding, contingent on state support and performance was awarded to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation. The 2005-2006 award is for the fourth of the five years in this cycle. High/Scope has worked collaboratively with the Department and grantees to provide an evaluation that has received national attention for its scientifically valid approach. The results have been used extensively to validate the Michigan School Readiness Program and for continuous improvement efforts.

8. Description of Priorities Given to Any Specific Population or Location: NOT APPLICABLE

9. Grant Administration:

<u>Office</u> Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services	<u>Unit</u> Preschool and Early Elementary Programs	<u>Contact</u> Lindy Buch	<u>Phone</u> 517-373-8483
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10. OFFICE	
Office Director Approval Signature: <u><i>Lindy Buch</i></u>	Date: <u>10-7-05</u>
Phone: <u>38483</u>	Comments:
11. BUDGET OFFICE	
Budget Office Approval Signature: <u><i>N/A</i></u>	Date: _____
Comments:	
12. GRANTS OFFICE	
Grants Office Approval Signature: <u><i>Mary L. Chartrand</i></u>	Date: <u>10/15/05</u>
Comments:	
<u>Exhibits B + C are not required.</u>	
13. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT	
Deputy Superintendent Approval Signature: <u><i>Jeremy M. Hughes</i></u>	Date: <u>10-20-05</u>
Comments:	
14. SUPERINTENDENT	
Superintendent Approval Signature: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	Date: <u>10-24-05</u>
Comments:	

INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. Complete items 1-10 on this form. The Grants Administration Unit will facilitate completion of items 11-14.**
- B. Attach three (3) sets of Exhibits A, B, and C.**
 Exhibit A---List of applicants (alphabetical order) recommended for funding, the amount requested, the amount recommended, and a three to five sentence abstract of the proposal.
 Exhibit B---List of applicants (alphabetical order) not recommended for funding and the amount each requested.
 Exhibit C---Map of Michigan indicating the location of recommended applicants.
- C. Attach the grant award letters for the Superintendent's signature and the non-award letters for the Service Area Director's signature. The letters should be submitted in the same order given in Exhibit A and/or B. For each final Grant Award Notification letter, a Grant Award Notification form (yellow sheet) also needs to be submitted for the Superintendent's signature.**
- D. Transmit Grant Award Approval Form (pink), attachments, and letters to the Grant Administration Unit.**

2005-2006 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant

For 1994-95 through 1996-97, \$100,000 was available each year in the Department of Education Appropriations for the design and implementation of the longitudinal evaluation study of the Michigan School Readiness Program. Through a competitive grant process, the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation was awarded funds to begin the evaluation. For 1997-98, an additional \$200,000 for the evaluation was available in the State School Aid budget, for a total of \$300,000. High/Scope Educational Research Foundation again competed successfully for an initial year and four continuation years, based on renewed state funding and adequate progress. The 2002-2003 year represented the first year of a third cycle, again for five years, pending continued appropriations and appropriate progress. The success of the evaluation in validating the Michigan School Readiness Program, and the growing national attention to the scientifically valid methodology, made the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation the choice for continuation of the longitudinal evaluation for a five-year period. FY 2006 will represent the fourth year in that five-year cycle. In addition, High/Scope coordinated Michigan's participation in 2004-2005 in a multi-state evaluation of prekindergarten programs through the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University. Data on the multi-state evaluation will be available from NIEER soon. Preliminary analysis corroborates previous studies that also indicate that the Michigan School Readiness Program is effective in improving at-risk children's readiness for school. The multi-state evaluation and the state evaluation are designed to complement one another.

Although one recipient is coordinating the evaluation, districts/agencies involved in the project are located statewide.

This is a continuation application; there are no other eligible applicants.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation Ypsilanti, Michigan	\$300,000	\$300,000