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GRANT AWARD APPROVAL FORM

1. SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED	Grant Criteria Approval (select type and add date) SBE Approval Date: <u>8/12/2014</u>
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Official Name Of Grant Program:
2014--2015 Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
(year) (year) (title)

Grant Type: Initial Amendment Continuation Multiple Years: Year _____ of _____

Legislation Authorizing This Grant Program: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Executive Order Division A, Title XIV, Sections 14005, 14006 and 14013, Public Law 111-5

Federal Grant: CFDA Number 84.412 State Aid Grant: Section Number _____ Other (specify) _____

2. SBE Priorities, Policies, and Programs that this Grant Supports:
This program supports the State Board of Education's goal to implement Great Start to Quality, a system of progressive standards that identifies higher standards and higher levels of quality for all licensed early learning and development programs and unlicensed subsidized providers.

MDE DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS	Type of Distribution: (check one)
3. Background/Purpose of Grant Program: The Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) will oversee and assure the development and expansion of the Great Start System. It will coordinate and support early childhood programs to improve the delivery of services to children from birth to age eight and their families. It will assist and collaborate with other state agencies to implement the RTT-ELC grant projects.	<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Formula <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify below) prescribed by interlocal agreement

4. Target Population to be Served by Grant: The Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge is designed to build an early learning and development system and increase access to quality programs for children with the highest needs.	Type of Award: (check all applicable)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial (Exhibit A) <input type="checkbox"/> Revised (Exhibit A) <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional (Exhibit A) <input type="checkbox"/> Denial (Exhibit B)

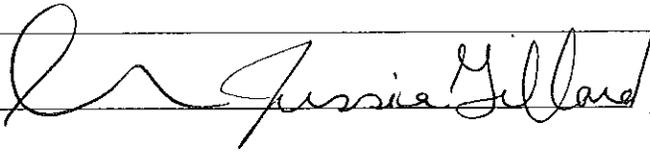
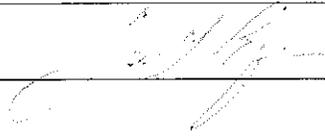
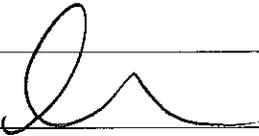
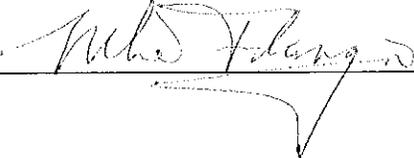
5. Eligible Applicants: Early Childhood Investment Corporation	Type of Notification: (check one)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-merge Letter <input type="checkbox"/> MEGS+ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify below)

6. Award Information:	Amendment _____	Amendment \$ _____	Total Recommended Award to Date:
Original Award Date: <u>10/1/2014</u>	Date(s): _____	Amount(s): \$ _____	
Original Award Amount:	_____	\$ _____	<u>\$3,295,378</u>
	_____	\$ _____	

7. Responsible Program Office:

Office Name	Unit Name	Contact Name	Phone Number
Office of Great Start	Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge	Jessica Gillard	5173731823

This Form Was Prepared by: Matthew Farmer Phone Number: 5173731823

8. OFFICE		Date: <u>11/20/14</u>
Office Director Approval Signature:		
Phone:		
Comments:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B Not Required because:		
9. GRANTS OFFICE		Date: <u>11/20/14</u>
Grants Office Approval Signature:		
Comments:		
10. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT		Date: <u>11/20/14</u>
Deputy Superintendent Approval Signature:		
Comments:		
11. SUPERINTENDENT		Date: <u>11-21-14</u>
Superintendent Approval Signature:		
Comments:		

INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Complete items 1-8 on this form. The Grants Coordination and School Support Unit in the Office of School Support Services will facilitate completion of items 9-11. Follow instructions in the checklist instructions for producing all parts of the Grant Award Approval request packet.
- B. Attach **two** (2) sets of Exhibits A and B (one original and 1 copy). Do not staple the pink form nor the originals of Exhibits A and B. Exhibit A is a list of applicants or agencies recommended for funding, and Exhibit B is a list of those Not recommended for funding.
- C. If notifying by letter, attach grant award letters for the Superintendent's signature, a Grant Award Notification form (yellow sheet) for each award, and any non-award letters prepared for the Program Area Director's signature. Provide these in the same order as in Exhibit A and/or B. If using MEGS+ to general grant award notifications, then no letters need be attached to the packet because they will be generated in MEGS+.
- D. Submit this Grant Award Approval form on pink paper, with all attachments, to the **Grants Coordination and School Support Unit.**

Note: The approval process takes, on average, one week to review and then receive all approvals after the packet is delivered to the Grants Unit. The time varies depending upon the number of corrections and revisions that are necessary and the availability of the signers. Reviews and approvals can take longer, up to two weeks, particularly around holiday times when signers may be out of the office.

**Michigan Department of Education
Office of Great Start
2014-15 Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge**

Exhibit A

Applicants Recommended for Funding

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
Early Childhood Investment Corporation		3,295,378
	Total:	\$ 3,295,378