

# GRANT AWARD APPROVAL FORM

## SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED

1. Official Name of Grant Program:

2015--2016 Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants  
(year) (year) (title)

Use of Funding Source:  Initial  Amendment  Continuation Multiple Years: Year \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_

Legislation Authorizing This Grant Program: P.A. 85 of 2015 School Aid, Section 99h

Federal Grant: CFDA Number \_\_\_\_  State Aid Grant: Section Number 99h  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_

2. Grant Criteria Approval: SBE Approval Date: 10/8/2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
(select type and add date)

### SBE Priorities, Policies, and Programs that this Grant Supports:

This grant supports the board's mission by supporting programs that prepare students in the fields of technology, science, and mathematics. This grant will disseminate personalized teaching and integrated technology best practices and methods to districts and parents.

## MDE DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS

### 3. Background/Purpose of Grant Program:

The FY2015 State Aid Act appropriated \$2,000,000 for the 2015-16 school year for competitive grants to districts that provide pupils in grades 7-12 with expanded opportunities to improve mathematics, science, and technology skills by participating in events hosted by a science and technology development program known as the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics. An amount of \$518,400 of FY 2014 carryover funds is also available.

### Type of MDE Grant Distribution: (check one)

- Competitive  
 Formula  
 Other: (specify below)

### 4. Eligible Applicants:

All individual public school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts that enroll students, or operate a FIRST Robotics or Tech Challenge team on behalf of their constituent districts are eligible if they satisfy the following requirements:

- 1.) Have a current FIRST Robotics or Tech Challenge program in place that will continue through the 2015-2016 school year.
- 2.) Propose to begin a FIRST Robotics or Tech Challenge Program in the 2015-16 school year.
- 3.) Program must serve students in grades 7-12.

### Type of Award from MDE: (check all applicable)

- Initial (Exhibit A)  
 Revised (Exhibit A)  
 Conditional (Exhibit A)  
 Denial (Exhibit B)

### 5. Target Population Served by this Grant:

FIRST Robotics or Tech Challenge teams.

### Type of Notification from MDE: (check one)

- Letter  
 Mail-merge Letter  
 MEGS+  
 Other: (specify below)

### 6. Award Information:

Original Award Date:  
12/1/2015

Original Award Amount:  
\$2,177,500

Amendment Date(s):  
1/22/16

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Amendment Amount(s):  
\$(24,500)

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Total Recommended  
Award to Date:

**\$2,153,000**

### 7. Responsible Office:

Education Improvement and Innovation

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**Michigan Department of Education  
Office of Education Improvement and Innovation  
2015-2016 Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants**

Exhibit A

**Applicants Recommended for Funding**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>Amended Amount</u>	<u>Total Recommended Award</u>
Bessemer Area School District	Bessemer Area School District	\$9,000	(\$9,000)	\$0
Bridge Academy	Bridge West	\$6,500	(\$4,700)	\$1,800
Detroit City School District	The Pink Panthers	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Grand Rapids Public Schools	Redhawks	\$1,800	(\$1,800)	\$0
Niles Community Schools	Team Fallout	\$4,000	(\$4,000)	\$0
Pentwater Public School District	Pentwater Public School	\$9,000	(\$9,000)	\$0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>(\$24,500)</b>	