

DATE: July 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Minority Teacher Education Supplemental Grants

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Receive Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Minority Teacher Education Grant program is a matching grant program that supports pilot projects designed to expand the recruitment pool for minority teachers throughout the state. All Tennessee higher education institutions with approved teacher certification programs are eligible to apply. Successful proposals included the following components:

- Recruitment strategies targeting non-traditional groups (e.g., teacher aides, substitute teachers, in-school suspension teachers, and ex-military personnel presently not certified);
- Intervention strategies for successful test completion; and
- Partnerships with local K-12 education agencies.

This program, created and funded by the Tennessee Legislature, has been administered by the Commission since 1989. The 2004-2005 appropriation totals \$232,000. The Advisory Committee for the program is included on the following page as Attachment A.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED: At its April 15, 2004 meeting, the Commission approved nine grants totaling \$200,284. This amount was based on an expected 5 percent reduction in the state budget. Because higher education did not receive the reduction, the full amount of \$232,000 was available for MTE awards. The supplemental awards were based on grants that were previously funded and possessed a proven record of success.

OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

The amended amounts are as follows:

Austin Peay State University	\$22,500
East Tennessee State University	\$22,800
Middle Tennessee State University	\$17,100
University of Memphis	\$35,700
University of Tennessee	\$36,100

Unamended Awards are as follows:

Freed-Hardeman University	\$27,400
Milligan College	\$24,500
Tennessee State University	\$23,500
University of Tennessee at Martin	<u>\$22,400</u>
	\$232,000

ATTACHMENT A

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