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## **Bank of Commerce Invests \$18,000 in MCFAC to Expand Financial Education Bootcamps; Bank of Commerce Management and Employees Will Teach and Mentor Participants Across Mississippi**

(GREENWOOD, MS - AUGUST 28, 2025) – Bank of Commerce presented an \$18,000 check to the Mississippi Community Financial Access Coalition (MCFAC) through the 2025 Partnership Grant with a 5:1 match from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. The funds will be used primarily to expand MCFAC’s Financial Education Bootcamps, bringing instruction to school campuses and community locations, with targeted support for entrepreneurship training that complements the bootcamp curriculum.

Bank of Commerce management and employees will continue to play hands-on roles in these bootcamps, co-teaching modules, mentoring participants, and answering real-world banking questions. This approach ensures Mississippians receive practical guidance directly from experienced bankers who live and work in the communities they serve.

“Supporting MCFAC is more than a check presentation. It is our bankers in the room with students, families, and entrepreneurs,” said Bryan Thornhill, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Commerce. “We are bringing practical coaching on budgeting, saving, credit, and business planning straight to the community. That is banking that is Always for You.”

“This investment aligns with our Community Reinvestment Act strategy and our commitment to expand access to affordable financial education,” said Tim Staniel, Senior Vice President and CRA Officer, Bank of Commerce. “By partnering with MCFAC, we can deliver instructor time, curriculum, and technology where people already are, including high schools, colleges, and community centers. Together, we are opening more pathways to financial stability and small-business success.”

### **WHAT THIS GRANT MAKES POSSIBLE**

Funds will primarily strengthen the Financial Education Bootcamps by supporting:

- Facilitator stipends and training
- Expansion of campus-based programs with colleges and universities
- Curriculum development and printing
- Technology for hybrid and virtual delivery
- Community outreach and recruitment with a focus on underrepresented and low-income students

### **ABOUT MCFAC**

The Mississippi Community Financial Access Coalition is a nonprofit coalition dedicated to financial literacy, business development, and long-term economic empowerment for underserved Mississippians. MCFAC’s signature five-week Financial Education Bootcamp covers budgeting, credit management, saving, debt reduction, and access to low-cost banking products. The coalition also delivers entrepreneurship workshops that help participants plan, build credit, and identify funding strategies.

### **ABOUT BANK OF COMMERCE**

Founded in Greenwood in 1904, Bank of Commerce serves families and businesses across Mississippi with straightforward, smart, and friendly banking. We are always moving forward, always by your side, and Always for YOU.

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