

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141



April 2, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** FY24 Homeless Emergency Support (SC24860)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the School Committee accept and approve the grant award below in the amount and for the period indicated.

**Grant Amount:** \$105,704.00

**Period:** 4/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

**Source:** State

**Administrator:** Beth Kershner

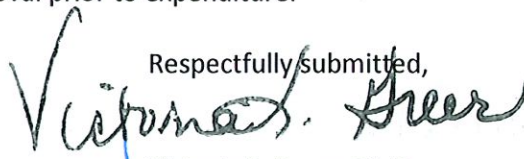
**DESCRIPTION:** The goal of this targeted Homeless Emergency Support grant is to provide funding for programs that ensure students who are homeless enroll in and attend school, and have racially equitable and culturally responsive opportunities to succeed in school. English learners are heavily represented in CPS's new unhoused student population and new resources are needed to best meet their educational needs. Grant funds will be used to:

- Purchase newcomer curricula for grades K-12 exclusively for English learners who are identified as newcomers or as students at beginning, entering, or emerging levels;
- Purchase a companion curriculum and materials for English learners for the new English Language Arts curriculum that CPS is rolling out in SY 2024-25;
- Purchase book kits for unhoused students;
- Purchase additional Chromebooks for students in emergency shelter(s).

**District Plan Alignment:** Strategic Initiative 10: Improve families' access to resources within and beyond CPS.

Expense Category	FY24 Budget	FY24 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	\$105,704.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105,704.00</b>	- -

**SUPPORTING DATA - RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Chapter III, Section 19, Acceptance of Grants for Expenditure. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.c.44 & 53A, the Superintendent or his/her designee may submit applications for grants or gifts from federal, state, charitable foundation, private corporation or individual. Grant or gift awards for educational purposes must be submitted to the School Committee for acceptance and approval prior to expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Victoria L. Greer, Ph.D.  
 Superintendent of Schools