

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

October 15, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY25 Title I, Part A Distribution - Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local School Districts (SC25604)

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

Grant Amount: \$1,450,924.00

Period: 9/9/2024-9/30/2026

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Dr. Heather Francis

DESCRIPTION: Title I provides financial assistance to districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. FY25 Title I grant will:

- Fund ELA and Math teaching staff at four elementary schools – Fletcher Maynard, Kennedy Longfellow, King Open, and Haggerty; three upper schools – Cambridge Street, Putnam Ave., and Vassal Lane; and, the High School Extension Program;
- Fund a Title I Coordinator and Clerk Specialist;
- Support additional targeted interventions before, after, and/or during school to Title I schools with higher needs; provide for extensive caregiver, family and community engagement activities throughout the year; partially fund the CPS summer program; and, provide services to eligible students in private schools.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: Title I will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 1.3 - Establish robust multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to support students’ academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs. 4.10 - Improve families’ access to resources within and beyond CPS.

Expense Category	FY25 Budget	FY25 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	1,199,667.78	9.0
Temporary Salaries	201,885.98	
Other Expenses	49,370.24	
Total	\$1,450,924.00	9.0

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,

David Murphy
Interim Superintendent of Schools