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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141



January 20, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY26 Special Support Earmark (SC26865)**

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

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

Period: 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Source: State - Targeted

Administrator: Andrea Zuniga

DESCRIPTION: This grant is a state funded earmark sponsored by State Senator Sal DiDomenico for CPS' Visual and Performing Arts Department (VPA). Earmark funds will:

- Build on the investment of the prior Special Support Earmark that invested in school amplification systems for the visual and performing arts department, including the installation of one full sound system at a district school. The grant will also support approximately 15 omnidirectional lavalier microphones, as well as accessories to support all of the recently installed sound systems in schools including rolling cases, storage cases for the auxiliary items, and small monitor speakers.

District Plan Alignment: This project does not address one, specific District Plan Strategic Initiative, but will provide improved, reliable equipment for visual and performing arts activities and events.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	\$25,000.00	
Total	\$25,000.00	- -

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
Superintendent of Schools