



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

August 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Student Tuition

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Community Art Center 119 Windsor Street Cambridge, MA 02139	7/3/23 – 9/1/23	\$39,690.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract will provide tuition for a full-day in person summer camp program for eleven (11) CPS students.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See supplemental information for summer programs.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter III, Section 12..." motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money I require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.		Project	
25000	Grant Fund	55814	Scholarship Payments	868650	Academics & Schools/Out of School Time	SC2216	ESSER III

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Superintendent of Schools

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Summer Camp Programs

Purpose: Student Summer Scholarships (4 Recommendations)

Provider	\$ Amount	Recommendation #
Agassiz Baldwin Community	\$ 30,800	23-173
Buckingham Browne & Nichols School	\$ 56,000	23-174
Community Art Center	\$ 39,690	23-175
East End House	\$ 35,910	23-176
Cambridge Community Center	\$ 19,600 (Vote not required- Less than \$25K)	NA
Total	\$182,000	

Description/Scope of Services:

Providing scholarships for high quality out-of-school time (OST) programs and summer camps are among the most effective supports available for reducing achievement gaps and bridging the gap between the opportunities available to children in low-income families and their more affluent peers. The quality of care that children experience during these elementary school years impacts their health, education, quality of life, and civic engagement as adults.

The identification and selection of summer programs was based on the following criteria:

- Programs needed to be offering **full-day, in-person, Massachusetts state-licensed programming and services** for students aged 4.5-13 years-old (grades K-7).
- **High-quality, mission-driven organizations** providing services in Cambridge
- **Established track record of collaborating with CPS** to support high needs students and families through strategies that support more equitable access to programs and services.
- Commit to **reserving slots** for high needs CPS students.
- Commit to **accepting referrals** from CPS and the Cambridge Agenda for Children Out-of-School Time (AFCOST) to fill those slots, while prioritizing a continuum of out-of-school time care from school year to summer when possible.
- Accept CPS scholarships based on a **set and agreed upon maximum daily rate, \$70/day**, which is comparable to what state-licensed providers in Cambridge charge for summer programming.
- Accept that reimbursements for tuition costs to scholarshiped CPS students **would be paid in arrears**, not at the beginning of the summer, as is typically the case.
- A commitment to work with CPS to coordinate appropriate data sharing about students' learning and growth needs, and possible use of CPS's personalized learning tools available for use during the summer.