



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

September 5, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Educational Services

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>
Cambridge Housing Authority 362 Green Street Cambridge, MA 02139	7/1/23 – 6/30/24	\$231,150.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the Cambridge Rindge & Latin Workforce Program, Summer College Immersion Program and the Summer Literacy Program. See attached supplemental information for additional details.

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.	
15000	General Fund	55107	Instructional Services	830248 893248	CRLS/Cambridge Partners Deputy Supt/Cambridge Partners

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Cambridge Housing Authority

Purpose: Summer Literacy, College Immersion & CRLS Workforce Program

Amount of Contract: \$231,150.00

Description/Scope of Services:

The Cambridge Housing Authority's CRLS Work Force Program

This program is a comprehensive educational enrichment, work-readiness, and college prep program for low-income teens in Cambridge public housing. Unusual for its depth of engagement with young people, the program currently provides students in grades 8 – 12 with sustained networks of learning and support over a developmentally significant five-year span: from the eighth grade through their senior year in high school. Since its inception in 1984, The Work Force has used what has since come to be known as a youth development approach, focusing more on building students' strengths rather than on ameliorating their deficits, to promote achievement in all the venues in which participants conduct their lives: at home, at school and at work. For over 30 years, The Work Force has helped low-income teens to broaden their horizons and to develop the wide range of competencies necessary for long-term success.

The Cambridge Housing Authority's Work Force Summer Programs

I. Summer Literacy Program (SLP)

This program plays a central role in the larger Work Force literacy initiative. The SLP camp is designed for Work Force participants who will be eighth grade students in the upcoming school year. The program, which was initiated in 2002 with the support of the Cambridge Public Schools, aims to enhance the academic literacy skills of up to 25 students. The primary focus is on teaching reading comprehension strategies and increasing the students' research and presentation skills through group-based projects. The camp operates over a period of eight weeks on four mornings a week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The program is designed so that students may also participate in other summer opportunities, specifically the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, through which they are placed in subsidized part-time jobs with local businesses.

II. Summer College Immersion Program (SCIP)

The goal of this program is to prepare rising high school seniors who live in Cambridge public housing for the college application process. The program offers up to 25 students six weeks of SAT prep in math and English and a College Writing course in combination with weekly tours to colleges throughout New England. Participants will complete the summer program with a draft of their college essay.