

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

November 19, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY25 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Childhood (SC25607)

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

Grant Amount: \$64,111.00

Period: 8/29/2024-9/30/2026

Source: Federal through State, Allocation

Administrator: Desiree Phillips

DESCRIPTION: This federal entitlement program provides funding to support early childhood education for eligible students with disabilities. IDEA Early Childhood (IDEA EC) funding will support:

- Professional Development for early childhood educators and staff focused on behavioral interventions, the new IEP, and other relevant topics;
- Supplies and materials including play and discovery toys, manipulatives, specialized tables, rugs, chairs, curriculum, iPads, etc. Must be for eligible students in general education classrooms or for whole classroom in special education classrooms.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: The FY25 IDEA grant will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 2.4 – Collaborate to implement city-wide plan for universal preschool to promote equitable access as a foundation for student success. 3.8 - Establish a comprehensive, role-based professional learning strategy and system that improves practices in alignment with district vision.

Expense Category	FY25 Budget	FY25 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	
Temporary Salaries	-	
Other Expenses	64,111.00	
Total	\$64,111.00	

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
Interim Superintendent of Schools