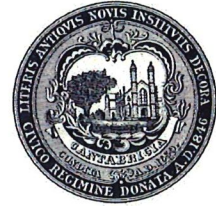


# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-003



January 7, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** **FY25 Multilingual Newcomer and Homeless Support Grant (SC25863)**

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

**Grant Amount:** \$75,000.00

**Period:** 10/23/2024-6/30/2025

**Source:** State - Targeted

**Administrator:** Beth Kershner

**DESCRIPTION:** Cambridge was selected for this targeted grant as one of the districts experiencing an increase in the enrollment of newcomer multilingual learners who are also experiencing homelessness. The grant is intended to cover costs associated with welcoming newcomers and their families to safe and inclusive schools, providing high-quality instruction for newcomers with well-trained educators, and meeting the emergency and/or basic needs of these students. Grant funds will be used to:

- Fund afterschool ESL programs and additional strategic tutoring at schools with high numbers of enrolled multilingual newcomer students experiencing homelessness;
- Purchase any needed technology for identified students and their families that will support their school attendance and academic growth;
- Invest in additional PocketTalk translation devices for schools with the highest levels of enrollment of the target student population.

**District Plan Alignment:** Strategic Initiative 3: Establish robust multi-tiered systems of support. Strategic Initiative 10: Improve families' access to resources within and beyond CPS.

Expense Category	FY25 Budget	FY25 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	56,400.00	
Other Expenses	\$18,600.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>- -</b>

**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