

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-077



April 1, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY25 Cambridge Community Foundation/Biogen (SC25159)

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

Grant Amount: \$45,455.00

Period: 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

Source: Private

Administrator: Lee McCanne

DESCRIPTION: This grant is for the STAR Initiative - a coordinated funding strategy from Biogen via the Cambridge Community Foundation (fiscal agent) designed to help catalyze the development of local STEM ecosystems in Cambridge and Somerville. STAR (which stands for Science, Teacher support, Access and Readiness) is intended to strengthen the educational landscapes in these cities by helping increase access to STEM resources and opportunities for students most underrepresented in STEM college programs and careers. This is the final year for this grant. Funds will be used to:

- Support .45 FTE of the STAR Data Specialist who in partnership with other STAR Initiative partners analyzes the impact of out of school time (OST) programs on CPS students from multiple vantage points and helps strengthen relationships and alignment between OST programs and schools to increase access to STEM opportunities for Cambridge students.

District Plan Alignment: Strategic Initiative 2: Align instructional practices and resources to instructional framework across content areas and grade bands.

Expense Category	FY25 Budget	FY24 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	45,455.00	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	-	-
Total	\$45,455.00	- -

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