

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-239



September 2, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY26 Early College Support Grant (SC26831)

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

Grant Amount: \$80,000.00

Period: 7/25/2025-6/30/2026

Source: State

Administrator: Dr. Michelle Madera

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this grant is to provide resources to districts to build or sustain capacity in their designated Early College programs. FY26 grant funds will support:

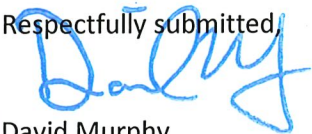
- Transportation, student support activities, and graduation costs for Early College students attending Lesley University;
- Early College on-ramping support for multilingual learners;
- Stipends for CRLS staff in the special education department to develop student support strategies and media arts staff to create Early College informational videos;
- Public relations materials, promotional items, and other program supplies;
- Laptops which support advanced Adobe software for use by Lesley University art and design Early College students;
- Professional development for the Early College Program Manager.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: The Early College Support grant will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 2.6 - Embed college and career exploration and experiences across the JK-12 continuum.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	1,500.00	-
Other Expenses	78,500.00	-
Total	\$80,000.00	-

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