

# CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-241



September 2, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

**GRANT AWARD:** FY2026 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant (SC26707)

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

**Grant Amount:** \$25,000.00  
**Source:** Federal through State

**Period:** 7/15/2025 - 6/30/2026  
**Administrator:** Dr. Heather Francis

**DESCRIPTION:** The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act prioritizes funds to support the education of students who are experiencing homelessness through racially equitable and culturally responsive, high-quality programming. FY26 grant funds will support:

- Staffing and materials for additional academic support and enrichment activities after school for students experiencing homelessness;
- Training and professional development sessions for family liaisons, school social workers, and other staff supporting students and families experiencing homelessness;
- Tuition assistance for McKinney Vento eligible students to access after school and out-of-school time programs outside of what CPS offers.

**DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT:** FY26 McKinney Vento grant funding will support the following Strategic Initiatives: 1.3: Establish robust Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to support students' academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs. 4.10: Improve families' access to resources within and beyond CPS.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	25,000.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</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