

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-289



November 18, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY26 Mass Cultural Council Creative Experiences Grant (SC26894)

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

Grant Amount: \$12,500.00

Period: 7/1/2025-6/30/2026

Source: State

Administrator: Sarah Novogrodsky

DESCRIPTION: The Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded Creative Experiences Grant funding to the Cambridgeport, Haggerty, and King Open school libraries for coordinated workshops and a performing arts field trip centered on "Library Lion" - a key text in the library curriculum. In collaboration with Adam Theater, students will explore stage adaptation in an artist-led workshop featuring discussion, improvisation, and interpretation. A field trip to see Library Lion at the Calderwood Pavilion follows, along with a post-show discussion. Designed for grades 2 to 5, this program fosters creative expression, critical thinking, and emotional growth, offering students a unique and enriching experience with professional-level theater.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: The Massachusetts Cultural Council Creative Experiences grant will support the following Strategic Initiative: 1.2 - Align instructional practices and resources to instructional framework across content areas and grade bands.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	12,500.00	-
Total	\$12,500.00	-

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
Superintendent of Schools