

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 BERKSHIRE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

25-306



December 16, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: FY26 Municipal ADA Improvement Grant (SC26871)

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

Grant Amount: \$185,248.00

Period: 12/15/2025-6/30/2026

Source: State

Administrator: Desiree Phillips

DESCRIPTION: This grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability will help address immediate accessibility needs within the Cambridge Public Schools with an emphasis on individuals with low vision, hearing impairment, and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Grant funds will be used to:

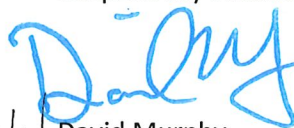
- Invest in assistive technology devices for students and the teachers who directly support them including a range of iPads with sturdy cases and locking storage, large format Chromebooks, and high-quality microphone headsets, etc.
- Install high-contrast step-edges on all steps and stairwells at Amigos, Peabody, and Rindge Avenue Upper School to make the steps safer for low-vision and ASD students in those buildings. Additionally, funds will enable us to uniformly paint and tape high-contrast step edges on all 1,440 steps at CRLS, as well as the main stairwell at Cambridge Street Upper School.

DISTRICT PLAN ALIGNMENT: The Municipal ADA Improvement Grant will support Objective 4: Build Welcoming & Supportive Schools & District.

Expense Category	FY26 Budget	FY26 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-
Other Expenses	\$185,248.00	-
Total	\$185,248.00	-

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