

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members  
Boston School Committee

FROM: Nathan Kuder  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Grants for Approval

DATE: November 1, 2019



Attached please find the grants for approval by the School Committee on November 6, 2019. Full copies of the grant proposals are available for your review and have been filed with the Office of the Secretary to the School Committee.



# GRANTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL

November 6, 2019

Amount	FY	Grant Name	Status	Fund Manager	Focus Area(s)	Sites
\$50,000	2020	MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – BINCA	New	Tony King	At Risk	BINCA
\$50,000	2020	MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – English	New	Caitlin Murphy	At Risk	English
\$35,000	2020	MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – McKinley	New	Velecia Saunders	At Risk	McKinley
\$200,000	2020	STARS Grant	New	Bennett Griesmer	Curriculum & Instruction	Districtwide
<b>\$335,000</b>	<b>Total</b>					

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name: MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – BiNCA  
Status: New  
Grant Type: Entitlement  
Start & End Dates: Upon Approval – August 31, 2020  
Funding Source: Federal through State  
Grantor Contact: Lisa Harney  
Office for College, Career, and Technical Education  
MA DESE  
75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148  
Phone: 781-338-3903  
Email: LHarney@doe.mass.edu

Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): BiNCA

BPS Fund Manager: Dr. Tony King, Headmaster, BiNCA

Department Head/School Leader: Dr. Tony King, Headmaster, BiNCA

Annual Award Amount: \$50,000.00

Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year): \$50,000.00

Carry-forward option: No

Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served: The impact of the grant is school wide, 450-475 students.

Sites: Boston International

Key External Partners:

### Grant Description

The MassGrad Grant is a non-competitive grant focused on schools that have low graduation rates. The purpose of the grant is to support school initiatives to increase graduation rates.

### Expense Categories this Grant Pays For

~40% involves the development and delivery of curriculum for families in BINcA university and the events and transportation related to the parent college visit.

~15% of funding will support planning for a BINcA based flexible pathway to graduation.

~25% of funding will support Advisory and Attendance

~10% of funding will support a pilot program focused on having near peer recent graduates serve as mentors to students at risk of not graduating

### **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound (SMART) Goals**

**Goal #1:** Graduation Rate and Extended Engagement: The 4 year graduation rate will increase by 2%, from 53% to 55%. This would follow an increase of 9% from last year to this year. The Extended Engagement Rate will increase from 74.8% to 76.8%.

**Indicator:** DESE data in school profile.

**Goal #2:** School Connectedness: In our evaluation of Advisory and school connectedness, we will see an increase of 4% on the survey questions, "Advisory makes me feel more connected to BINcA." This would follow an increase from 60% to 66% from spring 2018 to spring 2019. Additionally, we will have a goal using the new Panorama data. We will have an increase of 3% from 65% to 68% on the question "How much do you feel like you belong at our school?"

**Indicator:** BINcA annual advisory survey and Panorama Survey data from spring 2020.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name: MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – English  
Status: New  
Grant Type: Entitlement  
Start & End Dates: Upon Approval – August 31, 2020  
Funding Source: Federal through State  
Grantor Contact: Lisa Harney  
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Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): The English High School

BPS Program Manager: Caitlin Murphy, Headmaster, English

Department Head/School Leader: Caitlin Murphy, Headmaster, English

Annual Award Amount: \$50,000

Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year): \$

Carry-forward option: Yes or No

Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served: 100

Sites: The English High School

Key External Partners: n/a

### Grant Description

The purpose of this federally funded targeted grant opportunity is to provide supplementary support to school districts with high concentrations of students at-risk for not graduating from high school. These students may: be expectant or parenting teens, have drug or alcohol addictions, have current or previous contact with the courts or juvenile justice system, be at least one year behind expected grade level for the age of the individual, have limited English proficiency, be a gang member, be a former dropout, have high or chronic absenteeism, and/or any other factors that would place students at-risk for not graduating.

The English High School will use the funding from this grant to create an EHS Night School to provide students with the opportunity to recover credits here onsite afterschool. The grant will allow us to stipend teachers and staff to run the program.

### Expense Categories this Grant Pays For

100% of this grant will be used to stipend staff to run an English High School based 'night school to help our overage and undercredited students recover credits and get back on track for graduation.

**Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound (SMART) Goals**

**Goal #1:** Increase graduation rate by 5%

**Indicator:** Graduation cohort tracker data

**Goal #2:** Reduce number of students identified as off track by 10%

**Indicator:** Graduation cohort tracker data

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM**

Grant Name: MassGrad Promising Practices Grant – McKinley  
Status: New  
Grant Type: Entitlement  
Start & End Dates: Upon Approval – August 31, 2020  
Funding Source: Federal through State  
Grantor Contact: Lisa Harney  
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Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): McKinley

BPS Program Manager: Velecia Saunders, Headmaster, McKinley

Department Head/School Leader: Velecia Saunders, Headmaster, McKinley

Annual Award Amount: \$ 30,885

Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year): \$

Carry-forward option: Yes or No

Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served: 250

Sites: McKinley South End Academy & Preparatory High Schools

Key External Partners: Wediko Children Services, Eskolta Network

### **Grant Description**

The purpose of this federally funded targeted grant opportunity is to provide supplementary support to school districts with high concentrations of students at-risk for not graduating from high school. These students may: be expectant or parenting teens, have drug or alcohol addictions, have current or previous contact with the courts or juvenile justice system, be at least one year behind expected grade level for the age of the individual, have limited English proficiency, be a gang member, be a former dropout, have high or chronic absenteeism, and/or any other factors that would place students at-risk for not graduating.. McKinley Schools serves a high number of students who are disadvantaged and meet the criteria for this grant.

### **Expense Categories this Grant Pays For**

~45% of the grant will be allocated to support the creation of competency based assessments and curricula  
~25% will be used to support underperforming schools through activities such as strategic partners, School and Network Engagement Initiative.  
~25% of the grant will be used for re-engagement of overaged under credited and chronically absent students and their families

**Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound (SMART) Goals**

**Goal #1:** By June 2020 there will be a 30% increase in the average daily attendance of identified chronically absent students.

**Indicator:** Pre- and post- Aspen attendance data

**Goal #2:** By June 2020 there will be 30% decrease in off task out of class behaviors.

**Indicator:** Pre and post SWIS data



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM**

Grant Name: STARS Grant  
Status: New  
Grant Type: Competitive  
Start & End Dates: October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020  
Funding Source: State  
Grantor Contact: Cyndy Gaviglio  
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Phone: 617-727-3668  
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Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): Finance Department  
BPS Fund Manager: Anu Jayanth, Director of Grants and External Funding  
Department Head/School Leader: Nathan Kuder, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Annual Award Amount: \$200,000  
Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year):  
Carry-forward option: No  
Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served:  
Sites: Districtwide  
Key External Partners:

**Grant Description**

Mass Cultural Council provides small grants to schools to offer several day residency programs to support creative learning residencies of three days or more in the arts, sciences, and humanities. This is an umbrella grant so when a school receives the award, it can be loaded and they can start spending as soon as possible. \$200,000 is the amount that Mass Cultural Council projects to give to BPS schools this school year

**Expense Categories this Grant Pays For**

100% residency programs

**Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound (SMART) Goals**

N/A