

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Boston School Committee

FROM: John P. McDonough
Interim Superintendent

SUBJECT: Grants for Approval

DATE: June 5, 2015

Attached please find the grants that will be put forth for School Committee approval on June 10, 2015. Should you wish to review this in more detail, the complete grant proposals have been filed with the Office of the Secretary to the School Committee.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, staff is available to respond.

Attachment

cc: Inez Foster, Assistant Director, Resource Development Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

TO: John McDonough
Interim Superintendent

FROM: Erika Giampietro
Interim Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Grants for Approval

DATE: June 5, 2015

Attached please find the grants for approval by the School Committee. Full copies of the grant proposals are available for your review and will be filed with the Office of the Secretary to the School Committee.

GRANTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVAL

June 10, 2015

Amount	FY	Grant Name	Status	Fund Manager	Focus Area(s)	Sites
\$381,524	FY16, FY17	Children's Pilot Funds	New	Jill Carter	Health and Wellness	Districtwide
\$4,061,250	FY15, FY16	Preschool Expansion Grant (Fund Code 518)	New	Jason Sachs	Early Childhood	Action for Boston Community Development, Nurtury, and YMCAs of Greater Boston
\$4,442,774	Total					

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name: Children's Pilot Funds
Status: New
Grant Type: Entitlement
Start & End Dates: October 1, 2015- June 30, 2018
Funding Source: City of Boston Pilot Funds
Grantor Contact: Contact Name: John Riordan, Director of Community Partnerships- Boston Children's Hospital
Address: 401 Park Drive, Boston, MA 02215
Phone: 617-919-3055
Email: John.Riordan@childrens.harvard.edu

Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): Health and Wellness

BPS Fund Manager: Jill Carter, Executive Director

Department Head/School Leader: Jill Carter, Executive Director

Annual Award Amount: \$381,524

Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year): \$381,524

Carry-forward option: Yes

Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served: 57,000

Sites: District-wide

Grant Description

The Boston Public Schools' (BPS) Health and Wellness Department (HWD) utilizes Children's Hospital Boston PILOT funds to sustain and strengthen current efforts to actively promote the health and wellness of all BPS students to advance both their healthy development and readiness to learn, the overarching goal of Healthy Connections, the district's health and wellness strategic plan. The PILOT funds from Children's Hospital Boston will allow BPS to sustain the key infrastructure and services of the Health and Wellness Department despite significant budget cuts the past two school years. PILOT funds will be fully funding two staff positions (Wellness Policy and Promotions Manager and PE Instructional Coach) and contributing to sustaining two additional full time staff (Data and Evaluation Manager and Project coordinator).

Expense Categories this Grant Pays For

~ 69% Salaries: Positions funded by this grant include: Wellness Policy and Promotions Manager (1.0 FTE), Physical Education Instructional Coach (1.0 FTE), Project Coordinator (.02 FTE), and Data and Evaluation Manager (.03 FTE)
~ 19% Fringe benefits for salaries
~12% Contracted Services

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

Goal #1: By June 2017, all 127 BPS schools will have functioning wellness council and a Wellness Action Plan in place to implement the BPS Wellness Policy and create a healthier school environment.

Indicator: Wellness Action Plans submitted as a part of the Quality School Plan

Goal #2: By September 2018, the number of schools providing a high quality comprehensive physical education and physical activity program that is compliant with the BPS Wellness Policy will increase by 15%. This will be accomplished by strengthening curriculum, instruction, assessment, staffing, scheduling and leveraging partnerships.

Indicators:

- % of schools completing a Comprehensive School Physical Activity Plan as a part of their Wellness Action Plan.
- % of schools staffed with licensed PE teachers to meet the PE/PA Policy Requirements
- % of schools in compliance with the # of PE/PA minutes offered to students
- % of schools receiving professional development, instructional coaching, and technical assistance
- % of schools implementing district endorsed curricula and materials
- % of schools with one or more PA partners
- % of schools implementing fitness assessments

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name: Preschool Expansion Grant (Fund Code 518)
Status: New
Grant Type: Competitive
Start & End Dates: 1/1/2015 – 8/31/2016
Funding Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
Grantor Contact: Contact Name: Anita Moeller, PreK Expansion Grant Director
Address: 51 Sleeper Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02210
Phone: (978)826-1309
Email: anita.moeller@state.ma.us

Lead BPS Department and/or School(s): Early Childhood Department

BPS Fund Manager: Jason Sachs, Director

Department Head: Jason Sachs, Director

Annual Award Amount: \$4,061,250

Total Award Amount (if grant period more than a year): \$16,245,000

Carry-forward option:No

Approximate # of students (or teachers, central office staff) served: 350 students per year

Sites: Action for Boston Community Development, Nurtury, YMCAs of Greater Boston

Key External Partners: This project is a partnership between the Boston Public Schools, the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Nurtury, and YMCAs of Greater Boston. ABCD, Nurtury, and YMCA are named partners by DEEC in the MA grant application.

Grant Description

The Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG) is a grant awarded to the City of Boston/Boston Public Schools by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, funded from the Federal Preschool Expansion Grant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the US Department of Education (US ED). As a recipient of this grant, BPS will provide coaching, mentoring, oversight, monitoring, and support to three early learning providers named in the EEC application to the US ED. The three providers will provide a high-quality full year preschool experience to over 300 four-year-old City of Boston children. Additional details about the grant are contained in the attached MOU between EEC and BPS.

Expense Categories this Grant Pays For

~10% **Personnel and Fringe:** Salary of a PEG Project Manager and 3 Implementation Specialists

~80% **Contractual Services:** Early Learning Partners (ELPs) of ABCD, Nurtury, and YMCA Boston to serve the PEG-eligible students according to the criteria set by the federal grant guidelines and Massachusetts's application

~5% **Longitudinal study:** Anticipated study costs, as indicated in the Massachusetts PEG application.

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

Goal #1: Over 300 four-year-old children in Boston will receive a high-quality full day, full year preschool education in a community-based organization preschool classroom, overseen by the Boston Public Schools

Indicator(s): Evaluation by the Massachusetts DEEC, as specified by in the Massachusetts PreK Expansion Grant application