

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members Boston School Committee

FROM: Mary Skipper
Superintendent

SUBJECT: Grants for Approval

DATE: May 14, 2025

Attached please find the grants that will be put forth for School Committee approval on May 14, 2025. 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 are available to respond.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Skipper
Superintendent

FROM: David Bloom
Chief Financial officer

SUBJECT: Grants for Approval

DATE: May 14, 2025

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.

Signature: 

Grants for School Committee Approval

5.14.25

Amount	Fiscal Year	Grant Name	Status	Program Manager	Focus Area	Site(s)
\$5,000	2025	The Digital Divide	New	Courtney Sheppeck, Principal	Career and Technology	The Blackstone Elementary School
\$10,000	2025	NFL Play 60	New	Courtney Sheppeck Blackstone Elementary School	Health & Wellness	Blackstone Elementary School
\$1,500.00	2025	FC207 inSPIRED Fellowship	New	Sherri Neasman, Boston Collaborative	Educator Effectiveness	Boston Collaborative High School
\$82,983	2025	FC0186 Title III Part A: Immigrant Children & Youth	Continuing Year 1	Brittany Bagget Office of Multilingual & Multicultural Education	Immigrant Children & Youth	Districtwide
Total	\$99,483					

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name	The Digital Divide Grant
School/ Department	Blackstone Elementary School
Program Manager Contact	Courtney Sheppeck, Principal csheppeck@bostonpublicschools.org Blackstone Community Elementary School (617) 635-8471
Grant Description & Purpose	<p>This grant will expand equitable access to digital learning tools and bridge the technology gap many of our students face, both at school and at home. It addresses inequities in access to technology, such as laptops, tablets, internet connectivity, or digital learning tools. These grants help ensure all students, especially those from underserved communities, have the digital resources they need for academic success. The program will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhance learning environments • promote equitable access to resources • foster student well being and academic engagement • strengthen ties between the schools and broader community organizations like the NFL Foundation <p>This grant will pay for laptops, tablets for students, internet connectivity, digital learning tools and professional development for educators.</p>
Desired Outcomes	<p>1: Increased Student Access to Technology. Every student will have access to a personal laptop or tablet, enabling seamless learning both in the classroom and remotely.</p> <p>2: Enhanced Connectivity for Learning; students and families will receive Wi-Fi hotspots or benefit from improved school network infrastructure. This connectivity will ensure continuous access to learning resources and virtual support.</p> <p>3: Improved Digital Literacy and Instructional Integration. Students will develop essential digital skills through a structured digital literacy curriculum, preparing them for academic success and future opportunities.</p> <p>4: Educators will participate in ongoing professional development to enhance their ability to use technology in meaningful and innovative ways, increasing student engagement and achievement.</p>
Grantor	New England Patriots Foundation
Grantor Contact	Hannah Arroyo
	One Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035
	hannaha@kraftse.com 508-431-0432

Funding Source	Private
Annual Award	\$5,000
Total Award	\$5,000
Grant Start Date	May 1, 2025
Grant End Date	May 1, 2026
Grant Type	Entitlement
Carry Forward	No
Numbers Served	622

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name	NFL PLAY 60 Grant
School/ Department	Blackstone Elementary School
Program Manager Contact	Courtney Sheppeck, Principal csheppeck@bostonpublicschools.org Blackstone Community Elementary School (617) 635-8471
Grant Description & Purpose	<p>This grant encourages students to be physically active for at least 60 minutes daily. Blackstone Elementary will expand opportunities for movement and wellness through structured physical education, recess enhancements, after-school sports, and school-wide fitness challenges. These will instill lifelong healthy habits, improve physical and mental health, and create a culture of energy and engagement across our school community. The program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance learning environments through access to critical tools and resources. • Promote equity by addressing barriers to academic and physical success. • Foster student well-being through physical activity and digital inclusion. • Strengthen the bond between Blackstone Elementary and community partners like the NFL Foundation. <p>This grant will pay for digital learning tools and indoor equipment for recess.</p>

Desired Outcomes	1: Increased Physical Activity. All students will have regular opportunities to engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily through structured recess, PE classes, and extracurricular fitness programs. Activity levels will increase through inclusive, engaging programming.
	2: Improved Health and Wellness. Through consistent participation in movement-based activities, students will show measurable improvements in physical health indicators such as endurance, flexibility, and strength. Through school-wide campaigns and classroom integration of healthy habits education, awareness of the importance of exercise, nutrition, and overall wellness will grow.
	3: Strengthen school, community, and student engagement. The grant will support creating school-wide events (e.g., fitness challenges, wellness days, or NFL PLAY 60-themed weeks) that promote teamwork, school spirit, and student engagement.
Grantor	New England Patriots Foundation
Grantor/Donor Contact	Hannah Arroyo
	One Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035
	hannaha@kraftse.com 508-431-0432
Funding Source	Private
Annual Award	\$10,000
Total Award	\$10,000
Grant Start Date	May 1, 2025
Grant End Date	May 1, 2026
Grant Type	Entitlement
Carry Forward	No
Numbers Served	622

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name	FC207 InSPIRED Fellowship
School/ Department	Boston Collaborative High School
Program Manager Contact	Sherri Neasman, School Leader, Boston Collaborative High School sneasman@bostonpublicschools.org
Grant Description & Purpose	This grant provides funding for InSPIRED Fellows who are In-Service Professionals committed to increasing the diversity of our teacher workforce by leveraging their backgrounds, personal stories, and connections to inspire future diverse educators. Funds from this grant will be used by districts to support staff that were selected to be InSPIRED Fellows.
	This grant will pay for PD and training for diverse educator recruitment.
Desired Outcomes	1: Our Fellow will actively participate in the minimum number of InSPIRED events across the Commonwealth, contributing to professional learning communities and peer exchange.
	2: Our selected Fellow will demonstrate increased engagement by sharing best practices through his/her participation and presentations at InSPIRED events.
	3: The Fellow will develop and hopefully deliver a high-quality presentation for a future inSPIRED event that reflects thoughtful preparation and aligns with the initiative's goals.
Grantor	DESE
DESE Grant Fund Code	FC207
Grantor/Donor Contact	Lola Shoyinka
	135 Santilli Hwy, Everett MA 024149
	781-338-3545/lola.shoyinka@mass.gov
Funding Source	State
Annual Award	\$1,500
Total Award	\$1,500
Grant Start Date	05/02/2025
Grant End Date	06/30/2025
Grant Type	Competitive

Carry Forward	No
Numbers Served	1 Teacher

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE FORM

Grant Name	FC0186 Title III Part A: Immigrant Children & Youth
School/ Department	Office of Multilingual & Multicultural Education
Program Manager Contact	Brittany Baggett, Deputy Chief Operations & Accountability bbaggett@bostonpublicschools.org
Grant Description & Purpose	This grant will ensure immigrant students have access to quality educational opportunities and resources focusing on improving language skills and academic performances. Students will be involved in coordinated extra curricular activities.
	This grant will pay for: extracurricular activities for immigrant students including field trips.
Desired Outcomes	1: Exposure to real world experiences.
	2: Opportunities to practice listening and speaking.
	3: Applying language to academic experiences.
Grantor	DESE
DESE Grant Fund Code	FC0186
	Melissa Williams
	135 Santilli Hwy, Everett MA 02149
	781 338 6233/melissat.williams@mass.gov
Funding Source	State ▾
Annual Award	\$82,983
Total Award	\$82,983
Grant Start Date	04/13/2025
Grant End Date	09/30/2026

Grant Type	Competitive ▾
Carry Forward	No ▾
Numbers Served	Unknown