



October 2, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **Puerto Rico and USVI Hurricane Relief (SC18146)**

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

Amount: \$6,588.82 Period: 7/1/18
to 6/30/2019
Source: State Administrator: Mary Grassi

Expense Category	FY18 Budget	FY18 FTE	FY19 Budget	FY19 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-
Temporary Salaries	-	-	\$3,500.00	-
Other Expenses	-	-	\$3,588.82	-
Total	-	-	\$6,588.82	-

Description:

The Massachusetts Governor and Legislature approved a supplemental appropriation in FY18 to assist districts serving students from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands who were displaced by the hurricanes that occurred in the fall of 2017. The funding may be used through June 30, 2019. The grant will support a Homeless Outreach worker to connect homeless families to services in the city. It was also support the backpack program (\$2,088) and provide gift cards (\$1,500) or essentials such as boots and coats for families experiencing economic hardships. These funds will partially make up for the cut this year of the McKinney Vento grant.

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,

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Superintendent of Schools