



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Subj: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FY24 FEDERAL GRANTS

Background

Federal and state entitlement grants are an important source of funding for our school operations. Entitlement grants are established and allocated at the state and federal level. Entitlement grants are noncompetitive and are awarded automatically on the basis of defined formulas that differ by grant. The School Committee voted to accept state and federal grants at the September 6 meeting. This report provides information about five additional grants for School Committee consideration and vote to accept.

High Quality Instructional Materials Purchase Grant [165]- \$250,000

Grant 165 provides funding for districts to purchase core high-quality instructional materials to align with their district's vision and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's vision for deeper learning in ELA, mathematics, and science. SPS applied to use these funds for purchase of materials for the implementation of the EL Education literacy curriculum in grades K-6.

Special Education Program Improvement Grant [274]- \$38,702

Grant 274 supports schools and districts to implement the IEP Improvement Project, with emphasis on transitioning to utilization of the newly revised forms and processes.

Chronic Absenteeism Grant [CFDA 84.425U] - \$10,000

This grant is a DESE Administered Federal grant to address chronic absenteeism through implementing tracking and monitoring systems and strengthening family-school partnerships.

MyCAP Development and Implementation Grant [598]- \$5,500

Grant 598 provides supplementary support to school districts engaged in 'My Career and Academic Plan', which is a program designed to ensure all students graduate from high school and are college and career ready. The funds are intended to support planning team members with professional development and meeting time outside of school hours. This is part of the Innovation Career Pathways work at SHS.

Instructional Leadership Institute Participant Stipend Grant [654]- \$3,000

Grant 654 provides funds to support participating districts who had staff attend the DESE Instructional Leadership institute, held this past August 1-3, 2023.

Recommendation

In closing, grant funds play an important role in the overall financing of public education in Shrewsbury. Each grant comes with a specific purpose, compliance and reporting requirements, and accountability for use of the funds. It is recommended that the School Committee vote to accept the funds using the following motion:

“I move that the Committee vote to accept the five Fiscal Year 2024 grants as presented and use such funds for their intended purpose.”