

To: Arlington School Committee Budget Subcommittee  
From: Michael Mason  
Re: Grant Financial Update and Approvals  
Date: September 23, 2021

This memorandum is to provide you a general update on the grant finances. In the FY22 Superintendent's proposed budget, the School Committee voted to approve a budget for grants that were level funded due to the uncertainty of the availability of grant funds, and/or how the Department of Elementary and Secondary education may allocate state and federal grants. As the allocations are posted and notices of awards are granted to Arlington, the district will provide an update to the School Committee via this form of communication.

Below you will find descriptions, when available of each funding source along with the tables below is a reporting of (A) what the School Committee approved for state and federal grant spending in the FY22 budget, (B) allocated amounts currently known by the district administration or has been posted as an allocation for Arlington, (C) what Arlington has been awarded and (D) the difference in amount from what Arlington has been awarded by sponsor and the School Committee approved in the FY22 budget.

## **ESSER II**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act provide resources to school districts to address the impact the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. This supplemental funding opportunity, the Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) Fund, is intended to help school districts like Arlington Public Schools safely reopen schools, and measure and effectively address significant learning loss.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 514,420	\$ 514,420	\$ 514,420	\$ -

## **METCO**

The purpose of the state-funded METCO Program is to expand educational opportunities, increase diversity, and reduce racial isolation by permitting students in Boston to attend Arlington Public Schools. The METCO program provides students the opportunity to experience the advantages of learning and working in a racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse setting.

The priorities of this grant is to provide Boston students further opportunities to achieve at high levels the learning standards of the state curriculum frameworks and enrich both the urban and suburban communities by providing opportunities and support for cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

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\$ 511,951	\$ 541,139	\$ 541,139	\$ 29,188
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### Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Federal Special Education Grant

The purpose of this federal special education entitlement grant program is to provide funds to Arlington Public Schools to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 1,573,112	\$ 1,560,507	TBD	TBD

### Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program Federal Entitlement Grant

The purpose of this federal special education entitlement grant program is to provide funds to ensure that Arlington Public School district is able to provide children, aged 3 through 5, with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs in the least restrictive environment, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act — (IDEA4) and Massachusetts Special Education laws (M.G.L. c. 71B).

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 42,684	\$ 47,551	TBD	TBD

### American Rescue Plan (ARP) — Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021, dedicating supplemental funding in section 2014(a) to serve students with disabilities. These funds are provided to help districts recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and to safely reopen schools and sustain safe operations.

Funds are awarded based on an allocation formula that takes into account total school enrollment in both public and private elementary and secondary schools, and the number of children living in poverty in those same groups, as determined by the State.

This is new funding that was not known during the FY22 budget process. The due date to apply for this grant is Monday, October 4, 2021. The grant period is upon approval until 6/30/2022. This grant can be extended by 15 months until 9/30/2023.

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\$ -	\$ 332,430	TBD	N/A

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\$ -	\$ 29,578	TBD	N/A

#### **Title I**

Title I, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to the Arlington Public School district to help provide all children a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 135,481	\$ 137,822	\$ 137,822	\$ 2,341

#### **Title IIA**

Title IIA of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to school districts to improve high quality systems of support for excellent teaching and leading.

The priorities of Title IIA are to: increase student achievement consistent with challenging State academic standards; improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders; increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools; and provide low-income and minority students equitable access to effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 71,261	\$ 64,244	\$ 64,244	\$ (7,017)

#### **Title III ELL - English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement Program for English Learners and Immigrant Children and Youth**

Title III of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to Arlington Public Schools to help ensure that English learners (ELs) and immigrant children and youth

attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement in English, assist teachers and administrators to enhance their capacity to provide effective instructional programs designed to prepare ELs and immigrant children and youth to enter all-English instructional settings, and promote parental, family, and community participation in language instruction programs for parents, families, and communities.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ 48,743	\$ 43,365	\$ 43,365	\$ (5,378)

#### **Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant**

Title IV, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides supplemental resources to local school districts to build capacity to help ensure that all students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences by supporting well-rounded educational opportunities; supporting safe and healthy students; and supporting effective use of technology.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ -	\$ 10,843	\$ 10,843	N/A

#### **ACTNow School Bus Electrification Grant/PowerOptions**

In partnership with PowerOptions, Arlington Public Schools has been awarded funds from Massachusetts Clean Energy Technology Center (MassCEC) to purchase an electric bus to add to the fleet of diesel buses. Arlington Public Schools will demonstrate as proof-of-concept and will work with Power Options to lead the way for other districts to do the same.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ -	\$ 174,000	\$ 174,000	N/A

#### **Symmes Memorial Fund Grant.**

The Symmes Memorial Fund, Inc. awarded Arlington Public Schools to support the enhancement of Health and Human Growth and Development curriculum.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ -	\$ 20,755	\$ 20,755	N/A

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**Sanborn Foundation**

The Sanborn Foundation grant is to support health education particularly in the area of preventing substance use, including tobacco use and cancer prevention. It also supports the Guiding Good Choices program for families.

(A) SC Approved Budget	(B) Posted RFP or Allocation	(C) Awarded	(D) Variance
\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	N/A

**Motion(s) for School Committee approval**

1. Motion to approve the use of the following federal and state grants according to the approved FY22 budget per MGL ch. 44,s. 53A:
  - a. ESSER II in the amount of \$514,420
  - b. Title I in the amount of \$137,822
  - c. Title IIA in the amount of \$64,244
  - d. Title IVA in the amount of \$10,843
  - e. METCO in the amount of \$541,139
2. Motion to accept and approve the use of the following state grants per MGL ch. 44,s. 53A:
  - a. ACTNow School Bus Electrification Grant in the amount of \$174,000
3. Motion to accept and approve the use of the following privately funded grants per MGL ch. 44,s. 53A:
  - a. Symmes Memorial Fund Grant in the amount of \$20,755
  - b. Sanborn Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,000