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159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

August 11, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GRANT AWARD: **FY16 Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (SC16851)**

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

<u>Amount:</u>	\$277,700	<u>Period:</u>	7/1/2015 – 6/30/2016
<u>Source:</u>	State, Competitive	<u>Administrator:</u>	Mary Grassi

Expense Category	FY15 Budget	FY15 FTE	FY16 Budget	FY16 FTE
Permanent Salaries & Benefits	\$130,071.00	1.60	\$116,463.00	1.40
DHSP Subcontract	\$145,733.00		\$158,933.00	
Other Expenses	\$1,896.00		\$2,304.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277,700.00</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>\$ 277,700.00</b>	<b>1.40</b>

Description:

This CFCE grant supports pre-school-aged children and their families through a collaboration between CPS and the City of Cambridge DHSP’s Center for Families. Together they provide a seamless network of programs that are responsive to diverse families, including: conducting ongoing outreach, information, and referrals; providing family literacy-based play groups and community-wide activities; partnering with public schools and community-based programs to support Kindergarten registration and screening; providing family education and support services; and engaging families in supporting early childhood development through utilization of the ASQ screening tool and follow-up activities and referrals to address challenges early. In CPS, the grant funds 1.40 FTEs, including the grant supervisor, Project Coordinator, Early Childhood Specialist, and Family Support Specialist. Over 50% of the grant is subcontracted to the Center for Families, supporting many types of specialist positions.

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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