

Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant

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Background :

- On June 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom approved AB 181.
- Among other things, the bill established the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant.
- On September 27, 2022, Governor Newsom approved AB 185, which revised the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant.
- The grant allocates \$3,560,885,000 to LEAs for five purposes enumerated in Section 134(a) of Chapter 52 of the Statutes of 2022), which may be briefly summarized as:
 - (1) obtaining standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials for specified subject areas;
 - (2) obtaining professional development and instructional materials for improving school climate;
 - (3) developing diverse, culturally relevant and multilingual school library book collections;
 - (4) operational costs, including retirement and health care cost increases; and
 - (5) COVID-19-related costs necessary to keep pupils and staff safe and schools open for in-person instruction. These funds are available for encumbrance through the 2025–26 fiscal year. Section 134(c) provides that LEAs “are encouraged, but not required” to “proportionally use” their allocation for the five purposes enumerated in Section 134(a)(1)–(5).
- It is the intent of the Legislature that each school district, county office of education, or charter school expend any resources received pursuant to this section consistent with their governing board- or body-approved plan.
- Each LEA should develop its own plan. The CDE does not intend to provide a template for the plan.
- CDE is not approving or denying individual LEA requests for allowable expenditures. All expenditures should be consistent with statute.

Allowable Expenses :

- Pursuant to Section 134(a) of Assembly Bill (AB) 181 (Chapter 52, Statutes of 2022) as amended by Section 56 of AB 185 (Chapter 571, Statutes of 2022), funds are available to:
- Obtain standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials, in the following subject areas:
 - ○ Visual and performing arts
 - ○ World languages
 - ○ Mathematics
 - ○ Science, including environmental literacy
 - ○ English language arts, including early literacy
 - ○ Ethnic studies
 - ○ Financial literacy, including the content specified in Section 51284.5 of the California *Education Code*
 - ○ Media Literacy
 - ○ Computer Science
 - ○ History-social science
- Obtain instructional materials and professional development aligned to best practices for improving school climate, including training on de-escalation and

restorative justice strategies, asset-based pedagogies, antibias, transformative social-emotional learning, media literacy, digital literacy, physical education, and learning through play.

- Develop diverse book collections and obtain culturally relevant texts, including leveled texts, in both English and pupils' home languages, to support pupils' independent reading. It is the intent of the Legislature that these book collections and culturally relevant texts be used to provide support for pupils through the establishment of site-based school and classroom libraries that are culturally relevant to pupils' home and community experiences and be available in English, pupils' home language, or a combination of more than one language.
- Operational costs, including but not limited to, retirement and health care costs increases.
- As related to the COVID-19 pandemic, acquire personal protective equipment, masks, cleaning supplies, COVID-19 tests, ventilation upgrades, and other similar expenditures, if they are necessary to keep pupils and staff safe from Covid-19 and schools open for in-person instruction.

Pursuant to Section 134(c), local educational agencies are encouraged, but not required, to proportionally use resources received pursuant to this section for the purposes noted in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of Section 134(a) and to support arts and music education programs.

OCS' Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Plan

Total allocation: \$331,159 to be used by 6/2026

2022-23

- Gradual Professional Development : \$42,528.
- Summer Professional Development: \$25,185.
- Elective teacher salaries: \$5,575.
- Violin Strings repair: \$1007.

Allocated in 22-23: \$74,295

Remaining funds: \$256,864

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- Elective teacher salaries for Leadership, Newspaper, Band, Percussion, Visual Arts, and Photography: \$30,501
- Specialty teacher salaries for 100% of Movement 1st – 8th and 85% of Handwork grades 4th – 8th: \$137,096
- Benefits for elective and specialty teachers noted above: \$41,075.19
- Gradual Professional Development : \$22,000.
- Summer Professional Development: \$25,185.
- Violin Strings repair: \$1007.

Allocated in 23-24: \$256,864.

Remaining funds \$0