

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Massachusetts School Building Authority
FROM: James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer
Mary L. Pichetti, Executive Director, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Status Update for Supplemental Grants
DATE: December 6, 2023

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status and next steps for projects approved for adjustments to their Maximum Total Facilities Grants at the October 25, 2023, Board of Directors meeting (See: “Approved Legislation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts FY24 Budget Recommendation on Approve Supplemental Grants”, October 18, 2023).

Background

On October 25, 2023, the MSBA Board of Directors authorized the Executive Director to adjust the Maximum Total Facilities Grants for two categories of projects:

- 1) Projects that received Project Scope and Budget approval by the MSBA’s Board of Directors prior to October 1, 2022, and have accepted or will accept bids on or after January 1, 2022, per the approved legislation in the Commonwealth’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Staff recommended adjustments for these projects commensurate with the positive funding limits approved by the Board of Directors on December 21, 2022. The approval included but was not limited to authorization to increase Building Cost funding limits to \$393 per eligible square foot and to increase Sitework funding limits to \$39 per eligible square foot.
- 2) Projects that received Project Scope and Budget approval by the MSBA’s Board of Directors after October 1, 2022, and prior to October 1, 2023. The approval included authorization to increase Building Cost funding limits to \$516 per eligible square foot and to increase Sitework funding limits to \$52 per eligible square foot.

Discussion

As noted above, there are two categories of projects that have been approved to receive supplemental grants. Staff have completed an initial review of what will be required to execute the increased grants and have begun to prioritize the actions based on the status of projects within the categories.

Category 1, which has a total of 30 projects, has been further subdivided into two groups. The funding limit increases approved for this Category mainly increase the construction funding limits. Therefore, staff are prioritizing the implementation of the revised Project Funding Agreements based on the status of the bid date for the project as well as the physical progress of the construction. Estimated schedules are provided below but will be contingent upon the MSBA receiving the information required from the districts.

- Group 1, as shown in Attachment A, has a total of 13 projects that have completed the actions needed to update their Project Funding Agreement or are nearly complete. Staff plan to begin issuing revised budgets to these projects commencing in December 2023 and continuing through April 2024. Following review by the district, a revised budget will then be processed within a Project Funding Agreement Amendment subsequent to a Project Funding Agreement Bid Amendment. Concurrently, staff are reviewing completed reimbursement requests to define the methodology for seeking retroactive reimbursements for those projects that have already incurred costs. Upon execution of said Project Funding Agreement Amendment, districts will be able to seek reimbursement using the higher funding limits.
- Group 2, as shown in Attachment B, has a total of 17 projects, six of which have not yet received final bids. For the 11 that have received bids, as they submit the required bid information, staff will update their Project Funding Agreement within a Project Funding Agreement Bid Amendment utilizing the new funding limits with the actual construction costs submitted by districts. If there are any retroactive reimbursements to be paid, these districts will utilize the same methodology noted above. Upon completion of the updated Project Funding Agreement, the districts can seek reimbursement using the higher funding limits. Dependent on the timing of the bid information submitted by each district, staff plan to begin issuing revised budgets to these 11 districts commencing in January 2024 and continuing through June 2024. For the six projects still finalizing their bids, staff will begin the process of incorporating the new funding limits into a revised Project Funding Agreement once the bids have been received and the districts have submitted the required bid information. An update including an estimated schedule for these six projects will be provided in a future Memorandum.

Category 2, as shown in Attachment C, has nine projects that have been approved by the MSBA Board of Directors for Project Scope and Budget after October 1, 2022, and prior to October 1, 2023. The funding limit increases approved for this Category increase the construction funding limits only. As these projects are still in the design stage and have not commenced construction, no retroactive reimbursements will be required. Staff are prioritizing implementing the revised Project Funding Agreements based on those projects that have executed their Project Funding Agreement. Staff have prepared revised budgets for these projects and plan to begin issuing the revised budgets to districts for their review commencing in December 2023. Following review by a district, a revised budget will then be processed within a Project Funding Agreement Amendment. The Project Funding Agreement Bid Amendment will follow separately after each district submits the required bid information.

MSBA staff are continuing to work with each district to take the steps necessary to process Project Funding Agreement Amendments.

Attachment A – Category 1, Group 1

“school facility construction projects that received project scope and funding agreement approval by the authority’s board of directors prior to October 1, 2022 and have accepted or will accept bids on or after January 1, 2022”

District	School	Project Scope and Budget Approval	General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received / Anticipated)
<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>East Gloucester Elementary School</i>	<i>8/26/2020</i>	<i>2/23/2022</i>
<i>Ashland</i>	<i>David Mindess Elementary School</i>	<i>10/28/2020</i>	<i>3/8/2022</i>
<i>Worcester</i>	<i>Doherty Memorial High School</i>	<i>8/26/2020</i>	<i>6/15/2022</i>
<i>Westwood</i>	<i>Paul R. Hanlon Elementary School</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>	<i>6/22/2022</i>
<i>Lowell</i>	<i>Lowell High School</i>	<i>4/10/2019</i>	<i>10/4/2022</i>
<i>Swampscott</i>	<i>Hadley Elementary School</i>	<i>6/23/2021</i>	<i>10/25/2022</i>
<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Oliver Partnership School</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>	<i>11/9/2022</i>
<i>Boston</i>	<i>Josiah Quincy Upper School</i>	<i>10/28/2020</i>	<i>11/15/2022</i>
<i>Peabody</i>	<i>William A. Welch Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>12/1/2022</i>
<i>Andover</i>	<i>West Elementary School</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>	<i>12/12/2022</i>
<i>Stoneham</i>	<i>Stoneham High School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Fitchburg</i>	<i>Crocker Elementary School</i>	<i>6/23/2021</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Walpole</i>	<i>Bird Middle School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>

Attachment B - Category 1, Group 2

“school facility construction projects that received project scope and funding agreement approval by the authority’s board of directors prior to October 1, 2022 and have accepted or will accept bids on or after January 1, 2022”

District	School	Project Scope and Budget Approval	General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received / Anticipated)
<i>Nauset Regional School District</i>	<i>Nauset Regional High School</i>	<i>2/13/2020</i>	<i>10/19/2022</i>
<i>Randolph</i>	<i>Elizabeth G. Lyons Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Somerset</i>	<i>Somerset Middle School</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Westfield</i>	<i>Franklin Avenue Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>
<i>Wellesley</i>	<i>John D. Hardy (fka Ernest F. Upham) Elementary School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Watertown</i>	<i>Watertown High School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>5/10/2023</i>
<i>Hingham</i>	<i>William L. Foster Elementary School</i>	<i>8/31/2022</i>	<i>5/16/2023</i>
<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Francis M. Leahy Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>
<i>Norwood</i>	<i>Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>6/12/2023</i>
<i>Groton-Dunstable Regional School District</i>	<i>Florence Roche Elementary School</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>	<i>6/29/2023</i>
<i>Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District</i>	<i>Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>8/31/2023</i>
<i>Boston</i>	<i>William E. Carter School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>11/17/2023</i>
<i>Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District</i>	<i>David Prouty High School</i>	<i>6/22/2022</i>	<i>11/30/2023</i>
<i>Tyngsborough</i>	<i>Tyngsborough Middle School</i>	<i>4/27/2022</i>	<i>12/13/2023</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Bartlett High School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>1/17/2024</i>

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project Scope and Budget Approval</i>	<i>General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received / Anticipated)</i>
<i>Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District</i>	<i>Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>2/16/2024</i>
<i>Greater Fall River Vocational School District</i>	<i>Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>12/15/2021</i>	<i>3/21/2024</i>

Attachment C - Category 2

Projects approved for project scope and budget approval between October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2023

District	School	Project Scope and Budget Approval
<i>Haverhill</i>	<i>Consentino Middle School</i>	<i>10/26/22</i>
<i>Winchester</i>	<i>Lynch Elementary School</i>	<i>10/26/22</i>
<i>Brookline</i>	<i>Pierce K-8</i>	<i>12/21/22</i>
<i>Wakefield</i>	<i>Wakefield High School</i>	<i>12/21/22</i>
<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Fort River Elementary School</i>	<i>4/26/23</i>
<i>Holyoke</i>	<i>Peck Middle School</i>	<i>6/21/23</i>
<i>Maynard</i>	<i>Green Meadow ES</i>	<i>6/21/23</i>
<i>Nashoba</i>	<i>Nashoba Regional High School</i>	<i>8/30/23</i>
<i>Tri-County</i>	<i>Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>8/30/23</i>