

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Massachusetts School Building Authority
FROM: James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Status Update for Supplemental Grants
DATE: August 21, 2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a final 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 were approved to receive supplemental grants. Staff completed an initial review of what will be required to execute the increased grants, issued updated revised budgets and the corresponding Project Funding Agreement Amendments, and began processing reimbursement requests. Staff established the steps needed to clearly identify the increased funding sought and reimbursed for each project. Staff will continue to work with each district to assist in identifying and developing reimbursement requests.

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 prioritized the implementation of the revised Project Funding Agreements based on the status of the bid date for each project as well as the physical progress of construction. Estimated schedules are provided below but will be contingent upon the MSBA receiving the required information from the districts.

- Group 1, as shown in Attachment A, consists of 13 projects that have completed the actions needed to update their initial Project Funding Agreement Bid Amendment or are nearly complete. As of early August, staff have:
 - Issued revised budgets, including the increased funding limits for all 13 projects in this group.
 - Received 13 retroactive reimbursement requests for review, with payments issued to all 13 projects.
 - Issued 13 Project Funding Agreement Amendments, and subsequently received and executed all 13 Amendments.

- Group 2 consists of 17 projects. Group 2 has been further subdivided into Group 2a (Attachment B) and Group 2b (Attachment C). Group 2b represents the projects with the latest anticipated receipt of bids. Within Group 2b, one additional project has received its final bids since June 2024, leaving one project that has not yet reported final bids as of early August. As of early August, staff have:
 - Issued Project Funding Agreement Amendments to the six projects in Group 2b, and subsequently received and executed all six Amendments.
 - Issued revised budgets, including increased funding limits, for all 11 projects in Group 2a.
 - Issued Project Funding Agreement Amendments to 11 projects in Group 2a, and subsequently received and executed all 11 Amendments.

Category 2, as shown in Attachment D, consists of 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. Staff have:

- Issued Project Funding Agreement Amendments to all nine projects, and subsequently received and executed all nine Amendments.

With Amendments executed, no further immediate action is required for projects in Category 2. As the Districts proceed with their projects, they will be reimbursed at the higher funding levels approved at the October 25, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

MSBA staff continue to work with each of the remaining districts to take the necessary steps to process Project Funding Agreement Amendments.

In summary, as of August 12, 2024, the status for the 30 projects identified in the legislation is as follows:

- All 30 projects have received updated total project budgets.
- All 30 projects have received amendments to their project funding agreements, representing \$278 million in total supplemental grants. The original estimated total was \$270 million in supplemental grants.
- All 30 projects have received payments totaling \$182 million, of which approximately \$88.4 million has been funded from the \$100 million provided in the Commonwealth's FY 24 budget.

With this final Status Update for Supplemental Grants Memorandum, staff can report that all associated Project Funding Agreement Amendments have been updated. Staff will continue to work with each district to assist in the identification and development of reimbursement requests.

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	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established in Project Funding Agreement	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established at PFA with Supplemental Grant	Increase to Maximum Total Facilities Grant	General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received)
Gloucester	East Gloucester Elementary School	8/26/2020	\$26,942,022	\$32,458,995	\$5,516,973	2/23/2022
Ashland	David Mindess Elementary School	10/28/2020	\$27,008,753	\$32,579,666	\$5,570,913	3/8/2022
Worcester	Doherty Memorial High School	8/26/2020	\$135,241,024	\$163,994,109	\$28,753,085	6/15/2022
Westwood	Paul R. Hanlon Elementary School	4/14/2021	\$18,235,725	\$21,993,897	\$3,758,172	6/22/2022
Lowell	Lowell High School	4/10/2019	\$215,992,406	\$252,963,865	\$36,971,459	10/4/2022
Swampscott	Hadley Elementary School	6/23/2021	\$34,390,610	\$39,748,388	\$5,357,778	10/25/2022
Lawrence	Oliver Partnership School	2/11/2021	\$61,647,551	\$72,871,628	\$11,224,077	11/9/2022
Boston	Josiah Quincy Upper School	10/28/2020	\$54,075,966	\$62,618,734	\$8,542,768	11/15/2022
Peabody	William A. Welch Elementary School	10/27/2021	\$17,628,004	\$18,079,948	\$451,944	12/1/2022
Andover	West Elementary School	4/14/2021	\$38,442,820	\$46,498,858	\$8,056,038	12/12/2022
Stoneham	Stoneham High School	8/25/2021	\$48,968,062	\$56,574,750	\$7,606,688	1/23/2023
Fitchburg	Crocker Elementary School	6/23/2021	\$42,845,877	\$47,339,378	\$4,493,501	2/14/2023
Walpole	Bird Middle School	8/25/2021	\$37,974,281	\$43,618,631	\$5,644,350	2/14/2023

Attachment B - Category 1, Group 2a

“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	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established in Project Funding Agreement	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established at PFA with Supplemental Grant	Increase to Maximum Total Facilities Grant	General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received)
<i>Nauset Regional School District</i>	<i>Nauset Regional High School</i>	<i>2/13/2020</i>	<i>\$36,676,476</i>	<i>\$44,739,207</i>	<i>\$8,062,731</i>	<i>10/19/2022</i>
<i>Randolph</i>	<i>Elizabeth G. Lyons Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>\$27,558,249</i>	<i>\$32,116,809</i>	<i>\$4,558,560</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Somerset</i>	<i>Somerset Middle School</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>	<i>\$31,799,754</i>	<i>\$38,686,352</i>	<i>\$6,886,598</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Westfield</i>	<i>Franklin Avenue Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>\$31,145,259</i>	<i>\$36,269,771</i>	<i>\$5,124,512</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>\$13,508,529</i>	<i>\$15,585,802</i>	<i>\$2,077,273</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Watertown</i>	<i>Watertown High School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>\$45,309,315</i>	<i>\$51,564,214</i>	<i>\$6,254,899</i>	<i>5/10/2023</i>
<i>Hingham</i>	<i>William L. Foster Elementary School</i>	<i>8/31/2022</i>	<i>\$25,118,559</i>	<i>\$28,922,052</i>	<i>\$3,803,493</i>	<i>5/16/2023</i>
<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Francis M. Leahy Elementary School</i>	<i>10/27/2021</i>	<i>\$61,290,298</i>	<i>\$66,732,018</i>	<i>\$5,441,720</i>	<i>5/24/2023</i>
<i>Norwood</i>	<i>Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>\$46,259,251</i>	<i>\$53,420,330</i>	<i>\$7,161,079</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>\$26,503,001</i>	<i>\$32,309,508</i>	<i>\$5,806,507</i>	<i>6/29/2023</i>

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project Scope and Budget Approval</i>	<i>Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established in Project Funding Agreement</i>	<i>Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established at PFA with Supplemental Grant</i>	<i>Increase to Maximum Total Facilities Grant</i>	<i>General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received)</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>\$125,569,759</i>	<i>\$145,757,050</i>	<i>\$20,187,291</i>	<i>8/31/2023</i>

Attachment C - Category 1, Group 2b

“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	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established in Project Funding Agreement	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established at PFA with Supplemental Grant	Increase to Maximum Total Facilities Grant	General Bids / Guaranteed Maximum Price (Received / Anticipated)
<i>Boston</i>	<i>William E. Carter School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>\$26,270,658</i>	<i>\$30,595,455</i>	<i>\$4,324,797</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>\$46,820,302</i>	<i>\$53,979,044</i>	<i>\$7,158,742</i>	<i>12/21/2023</i>
<i>Tyngsborough</i>	<i>Tyngsborough Middle School</i>	<i>4/27/2022</i>	<i>\$28,637,072</i>	<i>\$33,321,458</i>	<i>\$4,684,386</i>	<i>12/13/2023</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Bartlett High School</i>	<i>3/2/2022</i>	<i>\$53,453,799</i>	<i>\$61,274,727</i>	<i>\$7,820,928</i>	<i>1/17/2024</i>
<i>Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District</i>	<i>Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>8/25/2021</i>	<i>\$140,851,919</i>	<i>\$163,383,141</i>	<i>\$22,531,222</i>	<i>5/24/2024</i>
<i>Greater Fall River Vocational School District</i>	<i>Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>12/15/2021</i>	<i>\$148,671,938</i>	<i>\$173,074,404</i>	<i>\$24,402,466</i>	<i>7/15/2024</i>

Attachment D - 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	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established in Project Funding Agreement	Maximum Total Facilities Grant Established at PFA with Supplemental Grant	Increase to Maximum Total Facilities Grant
<i>Haverhill</i>	<i>Consentino Middle School</i>	<i>10/26/22</i>	<i>\$81,988,724</i>	<i>\$101,834,715</i>	<i>\$19,845,991</i>
<i>Winchester</i>	<i>Lynch Elementary School</i>	<i>10/26/22</i>	<i>\$20,308,733</i>	<i>\$25,273,822</i>	<i>\$4,965,089</i>
<i>Brookline</i>	<i>Pierce K-8</i>	<i>12/21/22</i>	<i>\$37,839,511</i>	<i>\$45,403,459</i>	<i>\$7,563,948</i>
<i>Wakefield</i>	<i>Wakefield High School</i>	<i>12/21/22</i>	<i>\$64,984,456</i>	<i>\$79,945,152</i>	<i>\$14,960,696</i>
<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Fort River Elementary School</i>	<i>4/26/23</i>	<i>\$40,466,011</i>	<i>\$50,196,873</i>	<i>\$9,730,862</i>
<i>Holyoke</i>	<i>Peck Middle School</i>	<i>6/21/23</i>	<i>\$46,751,882</i>	<i>\$58,445,162</i>	<i>\$11,693,280</i>
<i>Maynard</i>	<i>Green Meadow ES</i>	<i>6/21/23</i>	<i>\$29,433,165</i>	<i>\$36,469,557</i>	<i>\$7,036,392</i>
<i>Nashoba</i>	<i>Nashoba Regional High School</i>	<i>8/30/23</i>	<i>\$64,793,451</i>	<i>\$79,732,079</i>	<i>\$14,938,628</i>
<i>Tri-County</i>	<i>Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School</i>	<i>8/30/23</i>	<i>\$82,730,777</i>	<i>\$102,776,777</i>	<i>\$20,046,000</i>