



Westlake Charter School

BOARD REPORT
February 9th, 2023

TOPIC/ AGENDA ITEM:

Consent Item: Arts, Music and Instructional Material Block Grant plan

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Chief Business Officer

ISSUES INVOLVED/FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

The Arts, Music and Instructional Grant program was authorized in the 2022/23 Budget Trailer bill, and recently subjected to proposed reductions in the Governor's January Budget proposal. This categorical program provides funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools; the funds can be used for a variety of needs, which are further defined below.

Funds are allocated proportionally to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools and the state special schools based on an equal amount per unit of average daily attendance (ADA) for grades kindergarten through grade 12, as those numbers were reported as of the 2021-22 second principal apportionment

Conditions of Receipt of Funds

As a condition of receiving program funds, a school district, county office of education, charter school, or state special school is required to adopt a plan delineating their proposed expenditure. The plan must be approved in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district or county board of education, or governing body of the charter school, before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting.

Use of Funds

Program funds may be used to support the the following purposes:

1. Obtain standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials, in the following subject areas:
 - a. Visual and performing arts
 - b. World languages
 - c. Mathematics
 - d. Science, including environmental literacy
 - e. English language arts, including early literacy
 - f. Ethnic studies
 - g. Financial literacy, including the content specified in Section 51284.5 of the California Education Code

- h. Media Literacy
 - i. Computer Science
 - j. History-social science
2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. Operational costs, including but not limited, to retirement and health care cost increases.
 5. 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.

Westlake Charter School was previously estimated to receive **\$697,202** in program funds, yet as of the Governor's January Budget proposal, it is now estimated that WCS will receive **\$460,153**; We propose to use the Program funds in alignment with the criteria listed above. Notably, the school plans to use funds to support: professional development, instructional materials, diverse book collections/relevant texts and operational costs.

More information on the Arts, Music and Instructional Material Block Grant can be found here: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/amimbgfaq.asp>.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS, (IF ANY):

Using the Program funds in this manner supports our strategic vision and professional development goals.

CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is asked to accept and approve the Arts, Music and Instructional Material Block Grant plan.