YPI Chater Schools

Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan

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 amended the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. The grant allocates $3,560,885,000 to LEAs for five purposes enumerated in statute, 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) and to support arts and music education programs.

Per Assembly Bill (AB) 181, Section 134, as amended by AB 185, Section 56, the governing board or body of each school district, county office of education, or charter school receiving funds pursuant to this section shall discuss and approve a plan for the expenditure of funds received pursuant to this section at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

Allocations for YPI Charter schools (YPICS) are:

- Bert Corona Charter is $195,400
- Bert Corona Charter High is $54,339
- Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter is $172,410

For maximum flexibility, YPICS will spend funds on operational costs, including retirement and healthcare cost increases.

Importantly, YPICS has made significant expenditures in categories 1 and 3 in FY22 and FY23, utilizing other funding sources.