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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *a. Infante*

SUBJECT: *Art Re-engages Talent in all Students (ARTS) Initiative – Request for Approval*

Article 5 and 9 of the Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget included a \$250M Statewide School Construction Bond, a new funding mechanism designed to provide upfront funding for projects. Pursuant to RIGL 45-38.2-4(e)(3), any excess funds may be transferred to the SBA capital fund in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of any amount of bonds issued in a given year. As a result, a total of \$12,500,000 in excess funds from the Statewide Bond can be transferred to the SBA capital fund.

The SBA Capital Fund, consistent with statute and the Basic Education Plan, is used to support public school improvements to ensure that funding has the greatest impact on improvement gaps in the State’s priority areas, providing high-quality educational opportunities for all public students. Research demonstrates that the link between involvement in the arts and engagement in school is strong and persistent. Coming out of the pandemic, RIDE is dedicated to supporting local schools as they rebuild and strengthen their arts programs. Arts also improves mental health and helps connect students to their learning environments. This funding will ensure that learning spaces are used optimally by supporting projects that enhance culinary arts, performing arts, visual arts, music, and design. Additionally, funds can support limited or onetime expenses of the SBA, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-105-7 and §16-105-3(18).

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council approves the allocation of \$5,000,000 of the Fiscal Year 2022 ARTS Initiative SBA Capital Fund as follows:

Act I:

Providence	\$694,225
Cranston	\$328,840
Warwick	\$261,841
Pawtucket	\$260,527
Woonsocket	\$181,571
East Providence	\$161,984
Cumberland	\$151,437

Coventry	\$140,794
North Kingstown	\$125,471
West Warwick	\$114,187
North Providence	\$111,045
Barrington	\$108,256
Lincoln	\$104,249
Chariho	\$102,582
Johnston	\$98,319
Bristol Warren	\$94,280
Central Falls	\$86,586
South Kingstown	\$83,605
East Greenwich	\$81,809
Smithfield	\$76,680
Westerly	\$76,231
Portsmouth	\$72,032
Achievement First Rhode Island	\$70,044
BVP	\$69,115
Burrillville	\$68,217
Middletown	\$66,454
Newport	\$63,313
Tiverton	\$53,792
North Smithfield	\$51,740
Exeter-West Greenwich	\$50,394
Foster-Glocester	\$44,752
Narragansett	\$38,661
Scituate	\$38,340
Davies Career and Tech	\$28,691
The Met Center	\$26,287
Paul Cuffee Charter Sch	\$26,158
Highlander	\$19,779
Learning Community	\$18,657
Glocester	\$17,215
Jamestown	\$14,233
RISE Prep Mayoral Academy	\$12,246
Beacon Charter School	\$12,085
International Charter	\$11,765
Blackstone Academy	\$11,028
RINI	\$10,483
The Hope Academy	\$10,000
Segue Institute for Learning	\$10,000
Kingston Hill Academy	\$10,000
Foster	\$10,000
Village Green Virtual	\$10,000

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The Compass School	\$10,000
TAPA	\$10,000
Little Compton	\$10,000
The Greene School	\$10,000
Charette Charter	\$10,000
Skip Nowell Leadership Academy	\$10,000
SouthSide Charter School	\$10,000
Nuestro Mundo Public Charter	\$10,000
New Shoreham	\$10,000
RI School for the Deaf	\$10,000
Providence Preparatory Charter	\$10,000
ACT I Total	\$4,500,000

Act II:

Incentive Based Awards	\$500,000
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