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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *Angélica Infante Green*
SUBJECT: *Art Re-engages Talent in all Students (ARTS) ACT II Initiative*

The School Building Authority (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. Funding that is granted to schools but that is not spent, is used to create new grant opportunities for Rhode Island Schools. This has created the opportunity for over \$5 million of ARTS, Act II grants.

Research demonstrates that the link between involvement in the arts and engagement in school is strong and persistent. RIDE continues to be 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 \$5,011,114 of the Fiscal Year 2025 ARTS Initiative SBA Capital Fund as follows:

Providence	\$928,985
Pawtucket	\$381,404
Cranston	\$358,956
Warwick	\$280,543
Woonsocket	\$269,550
East Providence	\$188,376
Cumberland	\$172,566
West Warwick	\$172,253
North Kingstown	\$134,033
North Providence	\$125,596
Central Falls	\$122,782
Lincoln	\$118,400

Barrington	\$117,301
Johnston	\$112,444
Chariho	\$106,631
Achievement First	\$100,888
Bristol Warren	\$99,044
East Greenwich	\$89,367
Smithfield	\$85,148
South Kingstown	\$83,234
Westerly	\$78,519
Portsmouth	\$76,605
Burrillville	\$72,210
Middletown	\$69,515
Newport	\$65,793
North Smithfield	\$58,987
Exeter-West Greenwich	\$55,938
Tiverton	\$55,371
Foster-Glocester	\$47,183
Scituate	\$41,653
Narragansett	\$38,001
Paul Cuffee Charter Sch	\$28,962
MET Career and Tech	\$28,111
Providence - Times2	\$24,353
Glocester	\$19,497
RISE Prep Mayoral Academy	\$16,909
RINI	\$15,172
Jamestown	\$14,605
Segue Institute for Learning	\$12,691
Blackstone Academy	\$12,230
The Hope Academy	\$11,308
Foster	\$10,000
Little Compton	\$10,000
New Shoreham	\$10,000
Nowell Academy	\$10,000
R.I. Sch for the Deaf	\$10,000
Kingston Hill Academy	\$10,000
TAPA	\$10,000
The Greene School	\$10,000
Village Green Virtual	\$10,000
Providence Preparatory Charter	\$10,000
Excel Academy Rhode Island	\$10,000
Apprenticeship Academy	\$10,000