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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Facility Equity Initiative Projects

The Fiscal Year 2022 State Budget allocated \$80M for School Construction Aid, which includes \$0.6M to the SBA Capital Fund and \$79.4M for Housing Aid commitments. Due to COVID-19's significant impact on planning and construction, only \$71M of Housing Aid was distributed in FY 2022. Pursuant to RIGL 45-38.2-2, Housing Aid savings are allocated toward the SBA Capital Fund. By partnering with the Office of Energy Resources (OER) and the Office of Opportunity, Equity and Diversity (ODEO), we are able to award **\$13,392,362 in FY 2022 SBA Capital Fund to fund the Facility Equity Initiative pilot program.**

The SBA Capital Fund may be used to repair public school facilities and is distributed on a priority basis to ensure that funding has the greatest impact on facility gaps in the State's priority areas, including creating facility equity between districts. The SBA at the RI Department of Education received 53 applications from 5 LEAs totaling \$68,697,659. Applications were reviewed based on a prioritization rubric developed by the SBA and by a scoring committee comprised of members from RIDE, OER, and ODEO. On November 30, 2021, the Scoring Committee recommended funding for 26 projects totaling \$13.4M.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council approves allocation of \$13,392,362 of the FY22 SBA Capital Fund as follows:

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| a. Providence | \$ 4,453,002 |
| b. Pawtucket | \$ 4,355,836 |
| c. Central Falls | \$ 3,590,870 |
| d. Woonsocket | \$ 500,000 |
| e. West Warwick | \$ 492,654 |

Facility Equity Initiative Summary

LEA	# of Funded Projects	Approximate # of Students Impacted	Project Summary	Capital Fund Amount	Minimum MBE Utilization
Providence	10	4,119	Auditorium Upgrades, Lighting, Media Center, Parent/Community Rooms, "Eden Park"	\$4,453,002	\$667,950
Pawtucket	8	3,485	Media Centers, STEAM room, Cafeteria Modernization	\$4,355,836	\$653,375
Central Falls	6	729	Media Center, Sciences Labs, 21st Century Technology and Furniture Upgrades	\$3,590,870	\$538,631
Woonsocket	1	1,644	Science Labs	\$500,000	\$75,000
West Warwick	1	1,087	21st Century Classroom	\$492,654	\$73,898
TOTAL	26	11,064		\$13,392,362	\$2,008,854

The Facility Equity Initiative is intended to fund high impact educational enhancements in the neediest communities in the State, consistent with State Priorities, RIDE's Strategic Plan, and Rhode Island General Law. **The Facility Equity Initiative will leverage Office of Energy Resource dollars to complete \$13.4M worth of projects that will provide at least \$2M in economic opportunities for Minority-Owned Businesses.** These high priority projects will provide transformative 21st century learning spaces to students in these communities by December 31, 2022.

Facility Equity Initiative Projects by School

Central Falls	
Calcutt Middle School (6)	\$3,590,870
Central Falls Total	\$3,590,870

Woonsocket	
Woonsocket High School	\$500,000
Woonsocket Total	\$500,000

Pawtucket	
Cunningham Elementary School	\$331,115
Little Elementary School	\$438,690
Varieur Elementary School	\$860,335
Curtis Elementary School	\$540,352
McCabe Elementary School	\$1,059,420
Fallon Elementary School	\$409,750
Slater Middle School	\$190,000
Goff Middle School	\$526,174
Pawtucket Total	\$4,355,836

Providence	
Hope High School (2)	\$1,759,706
Nathanael Greene Middle School (3)	\$1,235,128
Classical High School	\$500,000
D'Abate Elementary School (2)	\$558,168
Pleasant View Elementary School	\$200,000
MLK Elementary School	\$200,000
Pawtucket Total	\$4,453,002

West Warwick	
Deering Middle School	\$492,654
West Warwick Total	\$492,654

Total Schools 17
Total Projects 26
SBA Capital Fund Total \$13,392,362

Facility Equity Initiative Projects

District	Project	Location	Cost
Providence	Media Center Creation	Nathanael Greene Middle School	\$500,000
Providence	Parent/Community Room	Nathanael Greene Middle School	\$200,000
Providence	Auditorium Upgrades	Hope High School	\$1,000,000
Providence	Parent/Community Room	D'Abate Elementary School	\$200,000
Providence	Parent/Community Room	MLK Elementary School	\$200,000
Providence	Parent/Community Room	Pleasant View Elementary School	\$200,000
Providence	Nurse's Suite	Classical High School	\$500,000
Providence	LED Lighting	Hope High School	\$759,706
Providence	LED Lighting	Nathanael Greene Middle School	\$535,128
Providence	"Eden Park"	D'Abate Elementary School	\$358,168
Central Falls	Library to Media Center Conversion	Calcutt Middle School	\$520,000
Central Falls	Science Labs Renovations	Calcutt Middle School	\$351,000
Central Falls	21st Century Furniture	Calcutt Middle School	\$1,196,000
Central Falls	21st Century Technology	Calcutt Middle School	\$1,196,000
Central Falls	Signage and Building Improvements	Calcutt Middle School	\$316,368
Central Falls	Paint	Calcutt Middle School	\$11,502
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	Cunningham Elementary School	\$331,115
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	Little Elementary School	\$438,690
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	Varieur Elementary School	\$860,335
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	Curtis Elementary School	\$540,352
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	Fallon Elementary School	\$409,750
Pawtucket	Library to Media Center Conversion	McCabe Elementary School	\$1,059,420
Pawtucket	Cafeteria Modernization	Slater Middle School	\$190,000
Pawtucket	STEAM Room	Goff Middle School	\$526,174
Woonsocket	Science Labs Renovations	High School	\$500,000
West Warwick	21st Century Classroom	Deering Middle School	\$492,654
TOTAL			\$13,392,362
Central Falls	Ceiling Tiles/Lighting	Calcutt Middle School	\$465,920
Central Falls	Restroom Upgrades	Calcutt Middle School	\$1,040,000
Pawtucket	Auditorium	Jenks Middle School	\$2,240,225
Pawtucket	Auditorium	Slater Middle School	\$2,036,308
Pawtucket	Multi-Purpose Room	Varieur Elementary School	\$1,900,000
Pawtucket	Gymnasium	Slater Middle School	\$2,656,222
Pawtucket	Gymnasium	Goff Middle School	\$2,313,050
Providence	"Eden Park"	D'Abate Elementary School	\$5,641,832
Providence	Auditorium	Mt. Pleasant	\$6,000,000
Providence	Science Labs	Mt. Pleasant	\$1,500,000
Providence	"Eden Park"	MLK Elementary School	\$7,000,000
Providence	Media Center/Learning Spaces	Pleasant View Elementary School	\$6,000,000
Providence	Auditorium	Esek Hopkins Middle School	\$6,000,000
Providence	Science Labs	Roger Williams Middle School	\$1,500,000
Providence	Lighting	Kizarian Elementary School	\$245,599
Providence	Lighting	Fogarty Elementary School	\$170,531
Woonsocket	Auditorium	High School	\$3,500,000
Woonsocket	Gymnasium	High School	\$800,000
Woonsocket	Library	Harris Elementary	\$500,000
Woonsocket	Cafeteria	Harris Elementary	\$500,000
Woonsocket	Library	Pothier Elementary	\$500,000
West Warwick	Library	Deering Middle School	\$413,075
West Warwick	Lighting Controls	Districtwide	\$128,700
West Warwick	Library	Greenbush Elementary	\$387,028
West Warwick	Library	Horgan Elementary School	\$252,150
West Warwick	Library	Wakefield Hills Elementary School	\$171,944
West Warwick	Gymnasium	High School	\$442,800
West Warwick	Library	High School	\$499,913
Total Project Applications Received			\$68,697,659

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be selected

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