

Summary of CPCI Grant Requests December 2018

CPCI Funds Available as of December 13, 2018: \$15,777

CPCI Funds Remaining After Below Grants Awarded: \$10,687

School(s)/Amount Requested/Purpose/Date Submitted

(1) Barrett Elementary School/\$840/Barrett Buddies Special Olympics Project/November 26, 2018

Barrett Elementary School is asking for \$840 for implementing a project to enable participation of Barrett's students with significant special needs in a Special Olympics program with support of Barrett's new Barrett Buddies club. Barrett Special Education teachers will implement the Special Olympics Young Athletes curriculum to prepare their students with significant special needs to participate in a culminating Special Olympics Feet Meet event on May 30, 2019 in Falls Church, Virginia. The Barrett Buddies club is made up of 5th grade students who will meet weekly with their buddies to assist in training activities. The Club will also help plan and host a school assembly to raise whole school awareness of and support for participation of Barrett students with intellectual disabilities in the Feet Meet. This request was submitted on November 26, 2018. **Granted full amount requested: \$840.**

(2) Barcroft Elementary School/\$1250/Flexible Seating for Student Achievement/November 26, 2018

Barcroft Elementary School is asking for \$1250 to pay for flexible seating options in classrooms and the school library to provide a learning environment that supports student achievement through flexible learning spaces. Barcroft is focused on improving reading for all students and flexible seating options can contribute greatly to success in reading ability and concentration skills. Flexible seating has been acquired for some classrooms so far through parent donations and DonorsChoose.org, so this request will build on existing positive results and fundraising efforts. Flexible seating options are not provided by APS for classrooms. This request was submitted on November 26, 2018. **Granted full amount requested: \$1250.**

(3) Thomas Jefferson Middle School/\$800/Booktopia Book Giveaway/November 25, 2018

Thomas Jefferson Middle School is asking for \$800 for purchasing books to be given to students on March 1, Read Across America Day, directly before their Read-A-Thon begins. This event will support literacy and encourage a love of reading at Thomas Jefferson. Any books remaining after students choose their books will be offered to teachers to supplement their classroom libraries. Gently used books from the community will also be solicited to ensure multiple choices from which students may choose. The Thomas Jefferson PTA is contributing funds in addition to an additional grant request and a partnership with Barnes & Noble to reduce the overall cost of the new books. The CPCI fund has awarded a grant to Thomas Jefferson for the Booktopia Book Giveaway in the past. This request was submitted on November 25, 2018. **Granted full amount requested: \$800.**

(4) Wakefield High School/\$1700/Participation in Community Read/October 16, 2018

Wakefield High School is asking for \$1700 to fund book purchases to be given to students to participate in the annual APS Community Read event. The event focuses on Tiffany Jackson's *Monday's Not Coming*, which will be read by high school students in Arlington and the author will come to speak as part of this event. Wakefield has coordinated with the APS Head Librarian to obtain funds towards book purchases and to cover the cost of the author's fee (which is also being covered by Yorktown and Washington-Lee high schools), and Wakefield is using some of its library funds towards purchasing some copies of the book. This request was submitted on October 16, 2018. **Granted full amount requested: \$1700.**

(5) Montessori Program/\$500/Sensory Tools for Integrated Montessori Classrooms/November 16, 2018

The Montessori Program (currently at Drew Elementary School) is asking for \$500 to purchase sensory tools to promote students' participation in classroom activities. The tools will be used to support all students (general education and special education) in two primary Montessori classrooms (approximately 46 students). By providing basic sensory tools in the classroom, they hope to meet student needs before a

lengthy occupational therapy evaluation and recommendation are completed. Sensory tools are not provided by APS for classroom use. This request was submitted on November 16, 2018. **Granted full amount requested: \$500.**

(6) Montessori Program/\$772/Welcome to Montessori books/November 20, 2018

The Montessori Program (currently at Drew Elementary School) is asking for \$772 for purchasing books to be given to incoming 3-year old primary Montessori families that join. The book is intended as a gift from the PTA to new families to welcome them to the Montessori program, which accepts 56 new 3-year olds each year. The Arlington County Montessori PTA is working hard this year to build a sense of community and belonging before its move to a new school location in the 2019-2020 school year. This request was submitted on November 20, 2018. **Request not granted: \$0.**

(7) Montessori Program/\$990/Conference Registrations/November 16, 2018

The Montessori Program (currently at Drew Elementary School) is asking for \$990 to purchase two conference registrations for The Montessori Event 2019 for two teachers to attend the conference in March 2019. The conference can help teachers learn about new best practices, become reenergized, and bring back knowledge to all other staff members. APS and the PTA are contributing professional development funds for additional staff members to attend the conference. This request was submitted on November 16, 2018. **Request not granted: \$0.**

(8) Montessori Program/\$1350/Charter Buses for 5th Grade Overnight Trip/November 24, 2018

The Montessori Program (currently at Drew Elementary School) is asking for \$1350 to pay for a charter bus to transport its 5th grade students to the 4-H Nature Center in Front Royal, Virginia for an overnight field trip. The trip helps build confidence, trust, and friendships that are beneficial to the students and help support APS's goal of supporting the whole child. Since the Montessori and Model program at Drew have separated this year, the camping trips are being coordinated separately and the cost will therefore be much higher this year for our students. One 55 passenger charter bus was quoted at \$675 each way. This request was submitted on November 24, 2018. **Request not granted: \$0.**

(9) Gunston Middle School/\$2000/Culture and Community Garden Project/November 26, 2018

Gunston Middle School is asking for \$2000 to create an outdoor learning environment that encompasses instruction, wellness, diverse cultural growth, and community values; where staff, students, and the community can gather to reflect, learn, perform, and grow together as a community. The proposal is student-led and 50-100 students are expected to be involved in implementing the project and completing the community and peace garden in multiple phases. The project includes an artist collaboration, art panels, art materials, gardening supplies, a birdbath, and garden stools. This is the first major project that the Student Council Association is contributing to the school community and incorporates both internal and external partners. Additional fundraising opportunities are also being explored. This request was submitted on November 26, 2018. **Request not granted: \$0. The CPCI Working Group was very impressed with this proposal and has requested that it be resubmitted in the spring funding period with more detail and information.**