

SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 124, FY 2016

DATE: March 9, 2016

TO: Community Superintendents
High School Superintendents
Borough Field Service Center Teams
School Principals

FROM: Raymond J. Orlando, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Strengthening Bilingual Programs Grant

English Language Learners (ELLs) in our schools face the challenge, of mastering the subject matter taught as they are simultaneously acquiring English language literacy skills required to graduate, bi-literate and college and career ready. In order to address this challenge, the New York City Department of Education has committed \$1.7 million in grants to schools to be used to raise achievement for ELLs in middle school and high school. The Division of English Language Learners and Student Support has invited all middle schools and high schools throughout the city to be part of this new and exciting comprehensive opportunity to strengthen instruction, raise achievement and improve graduation rates for all English Language Learners.

The Strengthening Bilingual Programs Grant supports strengthening and expanding existing bilingual programs as it offers opportunities to enhance ELL mastery of the English language and/or the Home Language, Content Knowledge, Academic Behaviors, and Cognitive Strategies. In addition support for socioemotional growth of ELLs, materials, and resources for educators on the delivery of high quality Common Core-aligned instruction.

Funded schools will need to complete a final report detailing the implementation and impact of programs for students and educators of ELLs.

Grant Requirements

Grant recipients must use funds to:

- Develop and/or implement a curriculum that is aligned to Common Core and appropriately scaffolded for ELLs
- Demonstrate the use of innovative and promising best practices that will result in high achievement for ELLs
- Leverage their internal resources and the support offered by their districts and borough offices

- Build capacity among the school leadership and staff, such as instructional tools, programs, and strategies that will enhance ELLs mastery of the English language and/or the Home Language, Content Knowledge, Academic Behaviors, and Cognitive Strategies.
- Engage parent and community-based organizations as necessary

Schools must:

- Identify members of a planning team who will meet regularly on the implementation and execution of grant activities.
- Engage the school's Inquiry Team in the work.

Expenses permitted in the grant include but are not limited to the following:

- Professionals that can support the academic, linguistic, and socioemotional growth of ELLs (including expert consultants)
- Professional development with a focus on bilingual education
- Enrichment of existing native/target language libraries
- Parent engagement activities and parent literacy programs
- Community outreach
- Materials to support a TBE/Dual Language program
- Teacher planning and articulation
- Creating materials that are aligned to the NYS Common Core Learning Standards

Funds should be scheduled in the **TL ELL HS – Strengthening Program or TL ELL Initiative CW** allocation category.

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Attachment(s):

Table 1 – School Allocation Summary ([click here for a downloadable Excel file](#))

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Table 1: Schools Allocation Summary

BFSC	BFSC Team	Location	School Name	Amount
94AFSA	94AR02	02M542	Manhattan Bridges High School	15,000
94MFSC	94MR07	06M319	M.S. 319 - Maria Teresa	19,441
94MFSC	94MR07	06M322	Middle School 322	15,000
94MFSC	94MR02	06M540	A. Philip Randolph Campus High School	13,000
94MFSC	94MR02	06M467	High School for Law and Public Service	15,000
94XFSC	94XR04	10X390	M.S. 390	18,000
94KFSN	94KR01	14K454	Green School: An Academy for Environmental Careers	14,814
94KFSN	94KR01	14K477	School for Legal Studies	14,998
94KFSS	94KU01	17K600	Clara Barton High School	15,000
94KFSN	94KR02	19K583	Multicultural High School	24,423
94AFSA	94AR02	28Q505	Hillcrest High School	27,000
94QFSN	94QR05	30Q230	I.S. 230	12,000
94KFSN	94KR01	32K549	Bushwick School for Social Justice	15,000
97TUD4	97MD97	97K721	P.S. K721 - Brooklyn Occupational Training Center	12,000
97TUD4	97MD97	97X186	P186X WALTER J. DAMROSCH SCHOOL	15,000
Total				245,676