

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Planning and Oversight Committee
FROM: Jessica Lee, Coordinator of Library Services
DATE: May 11, 2021
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Expenditure of BSEP Measure A Carryover Funds for Library Services FY 21-22

Funds remaining from BSEP Measure A of 2016 are available for expenditure “on all authorized purposes until exhausted.”¹ Following are the recommendations for expenditures of Measure A funds for the authorized purposes of Library Services.

Measure A Funds for Library Services

The fund balance from the BSEP Measure A resource for Library Services (Resource 0860) is sufficient and appropriate to provide for these program needs for 2021-22:

Goal 1: Replace Lost Library Books due to COVID Closure

Due to the unexpected closure of schools, students were encouraged to take home library books at higher rates than they usually checkout. With schools closed for so long, many of those books have not been returned to the schools. The Berkeley Public Schools Fund has offered to support us in replacing those lost books. IF the cost of replacement is greater than BPSF can afford, the funds from Measure A will be used for the remaining balance.

Goal 2: Upgrade Library Technology

In 2019, a plan was developed to update technology in libraries. Remaining Measure A funds will be used to fund improvements in audio/video presentation equipment as well as to purchase new computers for library staff. This will be done in conjunction with the upgrades in classroom technology that are being funded through facilities bond measures. IF facilities and technology are not able to include the school libraries in their upgrade plan, Measure A Library funds will be used to ensure that every library is included in the upgrade and receives the needed equipment.

Goal 3: Facilities Improvements

If funds are still available, library furnishings and shelving will be refreshed. Many sites have spaces that were previously set up for desktop computers. With the widespread availability of Chromebooks, those spaces can now be repurposed. Libraries may be able

¹ BSEP Measure A of 2006, 4.B.

to provide a better layout for instruction, a space for student projects, or additional shelving. Measure A funds unspent on book replacement or technology upgrades will be spent on furnishings and shelving in collaboration with the facilities department to refresh portions of some school libraries.

Budget Summary for Family Engagement in 2021-22
BSEP Measure A, Resource 0860

Revenue		0
Expenses		
	Supplies and Equipment	80,000
	Indirect Cost	4,336
Total Expenses		84,336
Net Change to Fund Balance		
Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	85,115
	Net Increase/(Decrease)	-84,336
Ending Fund Balance		779