

Arts, Music, & Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan

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[AB 185](#) revised the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. This grant allocates \$3,560,885,000 to LEAs for five purposes enumerated in Section 134(a) of Chapter 52 of the Statutes of 2022), which may be briefly summarized as:

- (1) Obtaining standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials for specified subject areas
- (2) Obtaining professional development and instructional materials for improving school climate
- (3) Developing diverse, culturally relevant and multilingual school library book collections
- (4) Operational costs, including retirement and health care cost increases
- (5) COVID-19-related costs necessary to keep pupils and staff safe and schools open for in-person instruction.

These funds are available for encumbrance through the 2025–26 fiscal year. Section 134(c) provides that LEAs “are encouraged, but not required” to “proportionally use” their allocation for the five purposes enumerated in Section 134(a)(1)–(5).

Total Grant Amount: \$82,094

Allowable Use of funds	Planned use	Planned expenditures
Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials and Professional Development Section 134(a)(1) allows for the acquisition of standards-aligned instructional materials and professional development in ten specified subject areas- (Appendix A)	For classroom curricula use to support standards aligned, current instructional materials for subjects including ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art, Ethnic Studies, etc.	\$60,000 over four years
Improving School Climate Section 134(a)(2) allows for obtaining instructional materials	For professional development funding support related to restorative justice themes, including Pro-ACT.	\$2,047 over four years

<p>and professional development aligned to best practices for improving school climate, including training on de-escalation and restorative justice strategies, asset-based pedagogies, anti bias, transformative social-emotional learning, media literacy, digital literacy, physical education, and learning through play.</p>		
<p>Diverse, Culturally Relevant, and Multilingual Libraries Section 134(a)(3) allows for developing diverse book collections and obtaining culturally relevant texts, in both English and pupils’ home languages, to support pupils’ independent reading. (Appendix B)</p>	<p>For developing and maintaining relevant texts and book collections in both English and Spanish.</p>	<p>\$18,000 over four years</p>
<p>Operational Costs Section 134(a)(4) of AB 181 authorizes spending of these grant funds for “operational costs, including but not limited, to retirement and health care cost increases.”</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Costs Related to COVID-19 Section 134(a)(5) authorizes these grant funds to: “As related to the COVID-19 pandemic, acquire personal protective equipment, masks, cleaning supplies, COVID-19 tests, ventilation upgrades, and other similar expenditures, if they are necessary to keep pupils and staff safe from COVID-19 and schools open for in-person instruction.”</p>	<p>For miscellaneous pandemic related supplies (ie. PPE, cleaning products, etc.) to offset the impact on the undistributed operational budget.</p>	<p>\$2,047 over four years</p>