

Action Item - 12

Board of Education Meeting Date: 3/27/2025

Title: Stormwater Management Incentives Program (SMIP) Subgrant Acceptance, PIDC-Local Development Corporation (PIDC-LDC) Subgrant Agreement, and Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) for Stephen Girard Elementary School

Action Under Consideration

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to accept a Subgrant and enter into a Subgrant Agreement and an Operations and Maintenance Agreement as follows:

Subgrants from: Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation- Local Development Corporation (PIDC-LDC)

Purpose: Funding to construct stormwater management improvements at Stephen Girard Elementary School.

Subgrant Start Date: 3/28/2025

Subgrant End Date: 12/31/2028

Subgrant amount up to \$811,468

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, upon receipt of this subgrants, to enter into a Subgrant Agreement and an Operations and Maintenance Agreement as follows:

Subgrant Agreement with: PIDC-LDC

Subgrant Agreement Start Date: 3/28/2025

Subgrant Agreement End Date: 12/31/2028

Operations and Maintenance Agreement with: The Philadelphia Water Department

Operations and Maintenance Agreement Start Date: 12/31/2028

Operations and Maintenance Agreement End Date: 12/31/2073

Location(s): Stephen Girard Elementary School

Why is this contract needed?

The District's GreenFutures sustainability plan emphasizes the need for students to access outdoor learning environments that integrate green stormwater infrastructure, blending effective

stormwater management with greening efforts. The Philadelphia Water Department's Stormwater Management Incentives Program (SMIP) grant for the Stephen Girard School project has been awarded to the District. This funding supports the District's goal of creating green spaces at all schools. To access the grant funds, the District will execute and perform a Subgrant Agreement with PIDC-Local Development Corporation (PIDC-LDC) and an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD). Success will be evaluated based on the enhancement of stormwater management at the Girard School site, which will generate stormwater fee credits and lower water utility costs. Additionally, this project separately will be receiving supporting funds from a grant awarded to The Nature Conservancy from The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Girard School project and three other schools were awarded \$759,990.00 to support stormwater management and greening in their schoolyards.

How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals & Guardrails?

Guardrail 1: Welcoming and Supportive Schools- Every school will be a safe, welcoming, and healthy place where our students, staff, and community want to learn each day.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

The success of this contract will be measured through the systematic updates and enhancements outlined in the Operations and Maintenance agreements. This will involve not only routine updates but also strategic improvements aimed at optimizing overall performance and ensuring that the highest standards of quality are consistently met. By closely monitoring key performance indicators and maintaining a dynamic approach to problem-solving, we will ensure that all contractual obligations are fulfilled efficiently and effectively.

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Capital Programs