AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION POLICY STARTING JULY 28, 2023

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period from July 28, 2023 to August 28, 2023 for the Policy described in the disposition table below. Pursuant to Board Rule 2-6(c), the Board must authorize the commencement of the Public Comment Period.

Current Policy Section/ Current Policy Title	New Policy Section/ New Policy Title	Description of Revision/Disposition
403.8 Grant Administration	N/A	Amend Policy 403.8 This policy is being revised to update the procedures being followed and to eliminate sections that are already covered in current Board Rules. In addition, new wording is being added to address equity in grant administration.

Approved as to Legal Form:

Approved:

Ruchi Verma
General Counsel

Approved:

Pedro Martinez
Chief Executive Officer

Policy Summary Form

Policy Being Amended	Policy Manager(s)		
403.8_06-0426-PO3 Grant Administration	James Patrick Alforque		

AMEND BOARD REPORT 06-0426-PO3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION POLICY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education ("Board") amend the Grant Administration Policy Section 403.8 Board Report 06-0426-PO3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish grant administration requirements to ensure compliance with funding agency requirements and to ensure the sound and cost-effective management of all Grants received by the Board. The administration of grants should be equitable to all impacted parties while operationalizing the CPS Equity Framework and aligning with the CPS mission.

POLICY TEXT:

I. Indirect Cost Reimbursement

All Board grant applications shall include a request for reimbursement of appropriate indirect costs using the rate table established by the Illinois State Board of Education. and posted on the CPS Division of Revenue's website.

Indirect costs are actual costs and expenses incurred by the Board in support of grant activities but which cannot be directly charged to a grant. Indirect costs may include but are not limited to: the costs of using the buildings and equipment; project accounting; personnel; computing; purchasing expense; postage; printing and duplicating expense; library services; and administration. The following costs may not be included in an indirect cost calculation budget, application or expenditure claim: capital; sub-contracted expenditures; fundraising; public relations; advertising bad debts; entertainment; grant expenditures or indirect costs used included on a claim for another grant; or fines & penalties, and such other expenses identified in the grant application as unallowable. A systematic methodology should be used to distribute indirect costs to programs or functions in order to approximate their full cost.

When personnel or administration-related indirect expenses are identified for reimbursement in a grant, staff will be notified at the beginning of a grant period as to the percentage of their workday being allotted for grant project services by the CPS grant administrator.

Funds received from private organizations and individuals that meet all of the following criteria will be deemed a gift or donation and are not subject to the requirements of this Policy.: (a) funds that provide general or unrestricted support for broadly defined activities in one or more program areas; (b) funds where no detailed fiscal, technical or narrative reports are required; (c) funds where no copyrights or other intellectual property rights resulting from the funds are claimed by the donor; and (d) funds with no time limit on the expenditure of funds and the grant is irrevocable.

Grants and grant agreements that do not permit indirect cost reimbursement or otherwise require the Board to absorb indirect costs under a cost-sharing arrangement must be approved by the Chief Financial O cer or his or her designee, prior to the submittal of the grant proposal or application. The Chief Financial O cer or his or her designee may authorize waivers to this Policy requirement if submitted prior to the submittal of the grant proposal or application if such waiver is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board.