

**FY26 Grantees:**  
**FC 0460 EC Support and FC 0470 EC Capacity Grants**

**Important Deadlines**

1. **Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**: All FY25 grants ended. All supplies, goods, and services must be received and/or completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. **August 15<sup>th</sup>**: Last day to request reimbursements for FY25 grants that ended June 30, 2025. If this due date is missed, receiving reimbursements is not guaranteed.
3. **August 31<sup>st</sup>**: All FY25 FERs are due in GEMs.
4. **August 31<sup>st</sup>**: All Summer FY26 grants end. All supplies, goods, and services must be received and/or completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. **October 31<sup>st</sup>**: All Summer FY26 FERs are due in GEMs.

**Webinars for School Year FY26**

- If your program missed the webinar hosted on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and did not have a fiscal and programmatic representative attend. In the event that additional funding becomes available, programs are ineligible to be considered for this funding opportunity. Attending webinars is mandatory and referenced in the RFP.
- If you missed the first webinar, there will be another opportunity later in the year. Date TBD.

**Final Financial Reports (FER)**

- For FY25 grants, the final reports (FER) in GEMS, which ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, are due 9.20.25.
- Summer FY26 grants, the final reports (FER) in GEMS, which end on August 31<sup>st</sup>, are due 10.31.25.
- Funding cannot be used or allocated past the end date of the grant.

**Additional Information**

- Amendments are generated by grantees, and Cashay cannot open amendments on the grantee's behalf. Please go to the application, at the top, select **APPLICATION REVISION STARTED** to begin the process.
- Applications do not need to be amended if the change is 10% or under \$10,000 for the line-item change.
- If applications are returned for edits, please review the comment section to see what is being requested. Do not let the application sit. Grantees will not be able to use the funding as desired until it is DESE fiscally approved.
- The contractual service line-item is only for expenses under \$25K. Expenses greater than \$25K should go under the MAJOR contractual service line. Applications will be returned for edits if items are classified incorrectly.
- When contacting Cashay regarding issues or concerns regarding GEMS, please be as clear and descriptive as possible, and include the year and fund code. If grantees are receiving an error message, please take a screenshot so grantees can be effectively supported.
- Grantees cannot allocate, use, or encumber funding until DESE fiscal approval is given. Check the GAN in GEMs to confirm the start date.
- Do not wait until the last minute or on the due date to complete tasks. If an issue occurs and depending on the issue, it does not always allow enough time to troubleshoot. Grantees run the risk of not receiving an extension and could lose funding and/or lose out on funding opportunities.
- Do not ignore emails; they are not FYI and contain important information regarding deadlines and/or funding available.
- If there are changes and/or concerns that affect your ability to spend all funding, please contact Cashay ASAP. Cashay is more than happy to provide recommendations and/or brainstorm about how the funding could be utilized. Programs will be penalized for returning funding. Also, if you wait until the last minute, grantees could take away another program's opportunity to use the funding.

If you have any issues or concerns, please email Cashay Grant-Woods at [Cashay.c.grant-woods@mass.gov](mailto:Cashay.c.grant-woods@mass.gov) for support. Thank you for your patience and collaboration. Happy Spending.