



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Finance Committee
From: Ryan Berry
Date: November 11, 2025
Subject: FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant

Introduction

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has made available a new \$50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant in FY2026. School districts are required to match funds with the state.

Recommendation

The district recommends that the Board authorize the submission of the application for the ISBE School Maintenance Program Grant.

Background

The state has determined the following priority for awarding grant money:

1. Emergency Projects
2. Health/Life Safety
3. State Priority Projects – the state priority projects include projects that will result in energy conservation/savings
4. Permanent Improvement Projects
5. Other

The district would like to submit a State Priority Project to install solar panels for energy conservation at Indian Grove School.

Total project cost	\$ 720,000
<u>Less grant funds</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Balance to paid by district	\$ 670,000

Matching district funds for this project will come from the Capital Projects fund. The total project cost of \$720,000 is the actual cost for the contract the board approved at their February 11, 2025 regular meeting

Timeline and Next Steps (if needed)

The Board must authorize the submission of the application. The deadline for submitting an application for this grant is December 15, 2025. All projects must be completed within 2 years of receipt of the grant.