

Proposed Amendment to the FY22 Proposed Budget

Amendment #	20
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Intent (required):

Increase to MPS Drives program from ESSER Funds. MPS annually educates roughly 2,500 students between ages of 15.5-16. The MPS Drives program offers roughly 1,715 seats. This amendment is to raise the allocation by 285 seats to 2,000. The cost per seat is ~\$315. ESSER funding is temporary. This would be a one-time increase in order to allow MKE Rec to pursue outside funding sources.

Driver's education is a career readiness concern. Many job opportunities require valid driver's licenses. Driver's education is a public safety concern. Residents of Milwaukee experience the harmful effects of reckless driving. To be clear, reckless driving is not limited to young people. However, this increase is an investment in harm prevention rather than response to harm.

Funding Source (required):

Identify specific account numbers and nature of expenditure (budget line item) to be increased and budget line items to be decreased to fund the amendment (required; add rows as needed)

Page #	Budget Line Items to be Changed: Account Number and Nature of Expenditure (To/From; Increased and Decreased to balance)	FTE Increase	Amount Increase	FTE Decrease	Amount Decrease
3C-58	MPS Drives	0.00	\$90,000	0.00	0
3c-225	CSV-0-0-ART-XX-ECTS0000	0.00	0	0.00	0
Click here to enter text.	Source to be Determined	0.00	0	0.00	\$90,000
Total		0.00	\$90,000	0.00	\$90,000

Fund (please refer to the table of contents for the Line Item section of the Proposed Budget book, attached, to find the Fund that is aligned with the page number referenced above):

School Operations Fund

Extension Fund

Construction Fund

Required Vote:

Simple Majority

Super Majority (2/3)

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Administration Response:

MPS Drive was first introduced in 2016 and was designed to eliminate existing barriers to obtaining a valid driver license including cost, location of classes, transportation, and pre-existing license suspensions. The program offers free driver education to MPS students between the ages of 15.5 and 17.5. MPS Drive provides classroom instruction and behind the wheel lessons at no charge; a \$35 fee is collected to cover the cost of the temporary permit. All age-eligible MPS high school students are eligible to participate.

To date, the program has served over 6,505 students maintaining a 97% passing rate of the temporary permit test. More than 4,032 students have received their probationary driver license. The program has reflected the demographic make-up of the MPS district serving 90% students of color and 73% students that are economically disadvantaged. An overarching goal is that all MPS students graduate from high school with a valid driver's license to accompany their diploma. In addition, the program works to address equity, workforce development and public safety.

Given the program is only open to MPS students, the program is funded from a School Operations account. The funding source for this amendment is identified as the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities (PFAH). The funding for PFAH resides in the Extension Fund (Fund 80). This fund is used to account for activities such as adult education, community recreation programs (such as evening swimming pool operation and softball leagues), elderly food service programs, non-special education preschool, day care services, and other programs which are not elementary and secondary educational programs but have the primary function of serving the community. Excluded from a Community Service Fund are any academic subjects and extra-curricular activities available only to pupils enrolled in the district.

MPS Drive must be funded from School Operations given it is available only to MPS students. The administration is working with the Milwaukee Public School Foundation to raise additional funding for the program. In addition, the administration applied for an appropriation from the federal government through Representative Moore and Senator Baldwin's office.

The administration recommends taking funding from the vacancy adjustment line in the amount of \$90,000 to fund this amendment.