District: City of New Bedford
School Name: Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School
Recommended Category: Project Funding Agreement
Date: February 18, 2026

Recommendation

That the Executive Director be authorized to enter into a Project Funding Agreement with the City of New Bedford (the "District") for a roof replacement project at the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School.

The District was also invited into the Accelerated Repair Program for a roof replacement project at the Casimir Pulaski School, a roof replacement project at the Hayden/McFadden School, and a roof replacement project at the Sargeant William H. Carney Academy, which were approved at the October 29, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to execute a Project Funding Agreement. Staff is recommending that the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School project be combined with the Casimir Pulaski School, the Hayden/McFadden School and the Sargeant William H. Carney Academy projects within the same Project Funding Agreement.

District Information	
District Name	City of New Bedford
Elementary Schools	Abraham Lincoln (K-5) Alfred J. Gomes (PK-5) Betsey B. Winslow (K-5) Carlos Pacheco (K-5) Casimir Pulaski (PK-5) Charles S. Ashley Elementary School (K-5) Elizabeth Carter Brooks (K-5) Ellen R. Hathaway (K-5) Elwyn G. Campbell (PK-5) Hayden/McFadden (PK-5) Irwin M. Jacobs Elementary School (PK-5) James B. Congdon (K-5) Jireh Swift (PK-5) John Avery Parker (PK-5) John B. DeValles (K-5) Sergeant William H. Carney Academy (PK-5) Thomas R. Rodman (K-5) William H. Taylor (PK-5)
Middle Schools	Keith Middle School (6-8) Normandin Middle School (6-8) Roosevelt Middle School (6-8) Trinity Day Academy (6-12) Whaling City Junior/Senior High School (6-12)
High School	New Bedford High School (9-12)
Priority School Name	Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School
Type of School	Elementary School

Grades Served	PK-5
Year Opened	1973
Existing Square Footage	145,933
Additions	N/A
Building Issues	Roof
2025-2026 Enrollment	660

MSBA Votes	
Invitation to Participate in the Accelerated Repair Program	October 30, 2024
Project Funding Agreement Authorization	On February 25, 2026, Board agenda
Reimbursement Rate	80.00%

Consultants	
Owner's Project Manager (the "OPM")	Accenture, PC
Designer	EDM Studio, Inc.

Discussion

The Owner's Project Manager ("OPM") and Designer conducted a feasibility analysis of the facility and developed a Schematic Design, including a proposed scope of work, schedule, and estimated budget. The District's Designer, EDM Studio, Inc., recommends a roof replacement project at the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School. The Designer has confirmed that the proposed roof replacement project will comply with the MSBA's sustainability requirements.

MSBA staff reviewed the existing conditions analysis provided by the District's consultants as well as the proposed schedule. MSBA staff also discussed the proposed scope and budget with the District and its consultants. The District has provided a Total Project Budget of $13,787,624, which includes a construction cost of 11,893,717. Construction costs include the following components:

- $7,480,970 for replacement of roof;
    - $507,839 is ineligible for reimbursement for replacement of rooftop equipment;
- $4,300,716 for accessibility improvements; and
- $112,031 for solar readiness improvements.

MSBA staff recommends the Estimated Total Facilities Grant and the Maximum Total Facilities Grant as set forth in the table below subject to MSBA approval and audit:

Project Funding Agreement	
Enrollment: 623 Existing Square Footage: 145,933	District's Proposed Project Budget
Project Budget[1]	$13,067,624
Scope Exclusions/Ineligible Costs[2]	$507,839
Estimated Basis of Total Facilities Grant	$12,559,785

Reimbursement Rate	80.00%
Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant[3]	$10,047,828
Project Contingencies[4]	$720,000
Potentially Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingencies	$626,223
Potential Additional Grant Funds for Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingency Expenditures[5]	$500,978
Total Project Budget	$13,787,624
Maximum Total Facilities Grant[6]	$10,548,806

[1] Does not include Owner's or Construction Contingencies.
[2] Scope exclusions/ineligible costs include ineligible costs for replacement of rooftop equipment.
[3] The "Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant" is calculated by applying the reimbursement rate to the "Estimated Basis of Total Facilities Grant." It does not include any grant funds for potentially eligible Owner's or Construction Contingency Expenditures and is subject to MSBA review and audit.
[4] Includes eligible and ineligible Owner's and Construction Contingency.
[5] The "Potential Additional Grant Funds for Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingency Expenditures" is calculated by applying the reimbursement rate to the "Potentially Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingencies."
[6] Includes maximum possible Owner's and Construction Contingency grant funds, the final amount of which, if any, shall be determined by the MSBA in accordance with its policies for the determination of eligibility. The MSBA does not anticipate that the District will expend all of its contingency funds on expenses that are eligible for MSBA reimbursement.