Lake Forest High School District 115
Lake Forest Elementary School District 67

To: Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operations Officer/CSBO

From: Sydney Campeau, Accounting and Procurement Specialist
Brittany Tjardes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services/CSBO

Date: November 2, 2026

RE: FY27 ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant Approval

The Illinois State Board of Education has allocated approximately $48 million in School Maintenance Project Grants (SMPG) for FY27. This program provides dollar-for-dollar state matching funds of up to $50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of educational buildings. Districts must match the amount requested with local funds, and total grant funding may not exceed $50,000. All approved projects must be completed within two years of the State's disbursement.

The recommended project for this year's SMPG application is the East Campus Stage Pit Extensions and Safety Netting Project. This existing structure lacks modern safety features and requires significant labor to set up for performances. Upgrading the current system will provide enhanced protection through the installation of safety netting, reduce setup labor, and improve overall performance conditions for students and staff.

This project was approved by the District 115 Board of Education on April 7, 2026, and is scheduled for completion in November 2026. The total estimated project cost is $123,097.

By submitting the SMPG application, the District is eligible to receive the maximum grant award of $50,000. The District historically applies for this grant each year.

As part of the application requirements, the Board of Education must formally authorize the submission. If you agree with this recommendation, please present it to the Superintendent and the Board of Education at their November 10, 2026 meeting.

Add Item to Schedule

1. COUNTY CODE	2. DISTRICT CODE/NAME	3. APPLICATION YEAR/ROUND
049, Lake	**34049115016, Lake Forest CHSD 115**	**2027, 1**

	Item I.D.	Facility Name	Facility Address	Facility Description	Project Description	Project Location	Priority Code	Category Code	Est. cost	Est. Start Date	Est. Completion Date
Open	1	LAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL	1285 N McKinley Rd, Lake Forest	Lake Forest High School, East Campus, 1285 N McKinley Rd, Lake Forest, IL. Built in 1934, 1400 students, approx. 504,000 feet.	The recommended project is the installation of stage pit extensions and safety netting to improve safety and functionality. The existing structure lacks modern safety features and requires significant labor to setup for performances. Upgrading the current system will provide enhanced protection through the installation of safety netting, reduce setup labor, and improve overall performance conditions for students and staff.	RMA Theater at East Campus	D	FLOR	$123,097.00	11/16/2026	11/20/2026

Total Estimated Project Cost	$123,097.00
Total Requested Grant Amount	$50,000.00
Total Reserved Local Funds(District Responsibility):	$50,000.00
Total Reserved Remaining Funds (District Responsibility):	$23,097.00

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT

FY 27 Application Cycle - Round 1

District Certification

Name : Lake Forest CHSD 115

RCDT #: 34-049-1150-16

TIN #: 366004894

The submissions made to the Illinois State Board of Education by the applicant and the terms and conditions described in the Grant Application Certifications and Assurances and the Program Specific and Financial Assurances of this application shall constitute the grant agreement between the applicant and the Illinois State Board of Education for the use of the funds to complete the projects described in the "Work Item Listing" section of the School Maintenance Project Grant Application. This grant agreement shall be deemed to be entered into when the application has been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. This grant agreement constitutes the entirety of the agreement between the parties and supersedes any other agreement or communication, whether written or oral, relating to the award of the grant funds. The person submitting this application on behalf of the applicant certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that he or she has been duly authorized to file this application for and on behalf of the applicant, is the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this grant agreement, and that he or she is authorized to execute these Certifications and Assurances and Standard Terms of the Grant on behalf of the applicant. Further, the person submitting this application on behalf of the applicant certifies under oath that all information in the grant agreement is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief, that grant funds shall be used only for the purposes described in this agreement, and that the award of this grant is conditioned upon this certification.

The authorized representative of the applicant who will affix his or her signature below certifies that he or she has read, understood and will comply with all of the provisions of the following certifications and assurances.

The person approving these Certifications, Assurances and Standard Terms of the Grant hereby certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that the person submitting the final application on behalf of the applicant (and thereby executing the grant agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education) has the necessary legal authority to do so. (v2.23.2017)

The person approving this application certifies (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications, and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. He/she also provided the required assurances titled "Grant Application Certifications and Assurances, and Standard Terms for the School Maintenance Project Grant" and "Program Specific and Financial Assurances for the School Maintenance Project Grant" (found within the application under "Application Certifications and Assurances") and agrees to comply with any resulting terms if an award is accepted. He/she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him/her to criminal, civil or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). The list of certification and assurances is included below.

By submitting this form, I certify to the above and that the local board of education or other school governing authority has authorized the school maintenance project during a duly convened meeting, and has reserved local funds to meet the local match requirement. In addition, the applicant has not obligated funds or begun work on any of the projects listed on this application prior to the submission of this application. Signing below certifies that he or she has read, understood, and will comply with all the provisions of the following:

• Grant Application Certifications and Assurances, and Standard Terms for the School Maintenance Project Grant, and

• Program-Specific and Financial Assurances for the School Maintenance Project Grant.

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Signature of President of Board of Education *Date*

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Name of Board President (type or print)

A copy of this form signed by the President of the Board of Education AND the Taxpayer Identification Number Form MUST be printed, signed, and attached as a PDF under the Application Required Attachments before your application can be approved. No application will be processed without these two signed attachments.

(SMPG Dist. Cert. - Rev. 8/2023)