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***Elementary and Secondary Education***

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| Jeffrey C. Riley*Commissioner* |  |
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# MEMORANDUM

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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:**  | Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner |
| **Date:**  | June 15, 2018 |
| **Subject:** | Grant Packages for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  |

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| **Pursuant to the authority given to me by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at its** **October 21, 2008 meeting, I approved the following competitive grants.** |
| **FUND** **CODE** | **GRANT PROGRAM** | **NUMBER OF****PROPOSALS** **APPROVED** | **AMOUNT** |
| 111 | Supplementary Support to Districts for Enhancing Data Use Throughout the School Year | 10 | $187,257 |
| 376 | Gateway Cities English Learner Enrichment Academies | 2 | $250,000 |
| **TOTAL**  | **12** | **$437,257** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | **Supplementary Support to Districts for Enhancing Data Use Throughout the School Year** | **FUND CODE:** 111 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $200,000 (Federal) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $187,257 |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive funding opportunity is to provide supplementary support to school districts to improve **district data practices for using early warning data** alongside other resources in a **thoughtful cycle of inquiry** throughout the school year. This intent is to improve the likelihood that students will receive appropriate supports and that, over time, district performance on key academic milestones will increase. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 24 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 10 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 14 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** * Strengthen districts’ use of student data to understand and address the needs of students at risk of missing one or more academic milestones.
* Districts may accomplish this through development of new tools or resources; re-thinking teaming and communication structures; enhancing data routines; or other justified innovations to improve student educational outcomes aligned with the Early Warning Implementation Cycle.

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Bellingham Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Beverly Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Boston Preparatory Charter School | $19,986 |
| Brockton Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Brookline Public Schools | $19,997 |
| Gardner Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Holyoke Public Schools | $18,950 |
| North Adams Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Westfield Public Schools | $13,200 |
| Weymouth Public Schools | $15,124 |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$187,257** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | **Gateway Cities English Learner Enrichment Academies** | **FUND CODE:** 376 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $250,000 (State)  |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $250,000 |
| **PURPOSE:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) has completed its solicitation for the Gateway Cities English Learners Enrichment Academies Grant, a competitive grant program that is open only to applicants serving the Commonwealth’s 26 Gateway Municipalities as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 23A, Section 3A. The purpose of the Gateway Cities English Learner Enrichment Academies Comparative Grant is to support the implementation of targeted strategies that will provide intensive and accelerated learning opportunities for middle and high school students who are English language learners. The intended outcomes of these competitive grants are as follows: 1. measurable increases in English learner students' English language fluency, comprehension, and reading and writing abilities;
2. increased student confidence to successfully participate in and complete all academic classes; and
3. longer-term improvements as measured by statewide assessments and achievement in academic courses, quicker exit from English learner status, and higher retention and graduation rates, especially for high school students

The Gateway Cities English Lerner Enrichment Academy is a competitive one year grant, and it is not re-occurring. The Department received five proposals; a total of two grants for $ 125,000 each (total of $250,000) are recommended. Here is the link to the RFP (grant code 376) for more details: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2018/376/>. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 5 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 2 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 3 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** | Two recommended recipients of $125,000 each – Total of $250,000 |
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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Fall River Public Schools  | $125,000 |
| New Bedford Public Schools | $125,000 |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$250,000** |

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