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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | School Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant for High Need Districts | **FUND CODE:** 722 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 569,961 (Federal)  |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 562,470 |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the School Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant for High Need Districts is to encourage eligible schools to increase their capacity to serve healthier meals that meet the 2018-2019 USDA meal pattern as part of participating in the National School Lunch Program.Grants are recommended to school districts for specific schools. The school districts must have participated in the National School Lunch Program during the 2018-2019 school year and be in good standing with the Child Nutrition Program reporting requirements, including being in compliance with the meal pattern regulations.Priority was given to schools that have 50 percent or more students eligible for free and reduced- priced meals and did not receive a School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for High Need Districts grant in 2010 (ARRA), 2011 (USDA), or FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19 (USDA).The Office for Food and Nutrition Programs received twenty-eight grant proposals (representing 49 schools); a total of twenty-seven grants for $490,497 are recommended. One LEA proposal came from a Collaborative not participating in the National School Lunch program. For more information please see the RFP <http://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2020/722/>  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 28 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 27 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 1 Two schools applied that were not eligible for the USDA grant. One LEA proposal came from a Collaborative not participating in the National School Lunch program. One LEA applied for a school site that did not exist yet, though their first school did receive a grant. |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** Twenty-seven school districts representing forty-seven schools are recommended for grants ranging in amounts from $3,011 to $ $65,755. In general, the funds may be used for purchasing equipment for the implementation of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in (**and only in) the specific school requesting the grant**. Examples include equipment for heating, cooking, holding, serving, and refrigeration of foods used in the NSLP. The grant funds can be used for installation and delivery costs of the equipment purchased. If the equipment purchased for the school is ever sold, the proceeds must be returned to the School’s Nutrition Program Account. All equipment purchased with these grant funds must be tagged with a label identifying it as being purchased with FY20 USDA School Nutrition Assistance Grant Funds.The goal of the competitive grant is to enhance and improve the school breakfast and national school lunch programs so that all students will receive the nutrition they need to achieve in school. Equipment such as a refrigerator, freezer, or cold and hot serving counters increases the capacity of schools to store and offer a wider variety of fruits and vegetables from which the students can choose. Investing in cooking equipment such as tilt skillets, steamers, and convection ovens enhances the quality, safety, and appeal of meals offered to students by improving cooking methods, such as batch cooking closer to when the meal is served. The equipment also helps the school meet the USDA meal pattern requirements. Schools with fewer hungry students benefit from students that are more engaged in learning; visit the school nurse less for hunger pains; and have improved attendance. Reducing these barriers to learning and increasing the overall health of students supports the effectiveness of the school. |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Barnstable Public Schools | $35,617 |
| Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter School | 3,011 |
| Brockton Public Schools | 20,000 |
| Codman Academy Public School | 3,650 |
| Concord Carlisle Regional Schools | 16,105 |
| Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District | 16,165 |
| Gardner Public Schools | 16,260 |
| Georgetown Public Schools | 13,676 |
| Gil-Montague Regional School District | 4,855 |
| Greenfield Public Schools | 11,432 |
| Hatfield Public Schools | 2,278 |
| Hingham Public Schools | 5,140 |
| Leominster Public Schools | 2,685 |
| Lowell Community Charter School | 4,594 |
| Mohawk Trail Regional School District | 40,631 |
| New Heights Charter School | 3,658 |
| Newburyport Public Schools | 9,100 |
| North Adams Public Schools | 14,658 |
| North Berkshire School Union | 20,000 |
| Pittsfield Public Schools | 28,230 |
| Provincetown Public Schools | 7,645 |
| Quaboag Regional School District | 20,000 |
| Quincy Public Schools | 17,661 |
| Southbridge Public Schools | 48,540 |
| The Learning Center for the Deaf | 19,151 |
| Wareham Public Schools | 40,000 |
| Worcester Public Schools | 65,755 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS | **$490,497** |