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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | School District Regionalization | **FUND CODE:** 191 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 500,000 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 670,850 |
| **PURPOSE:** *For school district regionalization grants to regional school districts and school districts considering forming a regional school district or regionalizing services; provided, that funds may be expended on study and planning grants to allow for the creation of new regional school districts or the expansion of existing regions, on implementation and start-up grants to cover first year costs associated with the transition to a new or expanded regional school district, or for grants to study, plan, and implement innovative shared services plans in areas where regionalization is not appropriate, but where regionalized services could provide significant savings; provided further, that preference may be given in awarding these grants to districts and municipalities with significant enrollment decline, under-utilization of existing school space, or where the regionalization proposal will produce significant expansion of available academic resources and supports as a result of cost savings; and provided further, that funds appropriated for this purpose in fiscal year 2021 may be expended for this purpose until December 31, 2021.”* [*Line Item 7061-9809*](https://budget.digital.mass.gov/summary/fy22/enacted/education/education-k-12/70619809)This grant program provides funds to school districts and agencies to study and plan the creation of new regional school districts or expansion of existing regions, or for implementation of shared services plans in areas where regionalization is not appropriate but where regionalized services could provide significant savings. These state grants will help the six grantees and their partners secure the resources and expert help needed to navigate the various laws, regulations and best practices associated with investigating shared services or regionalization. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:**  Five school districts and the Berkshire County Education Task Force will receive funds to study and plan the creation of new regional school districts, expand existing region, and/or implement shared services. These state grants will help the six grantees and their partners secure the resources and expert help needed to navigate the various laws, regulations and best practices associated with investigating shared services, regional school district expansion and/or regionalization. |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Berkshire County Education Task Force (*Berkshire County Community College as fiscal agent)* | $130,000 |
| Gill-Montague Regional School District (working with the Six Town Regional Planning Board, formed by the six member towns of Gill-Montague Regional School District and Pioneer Valley Regional School District (Gill, Montague, Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick) | $38,350 |
| Narragansett Regional School District | $30,000 |
| Quaboag Regional School District (working on expanding the district to include the town of North Brookfield) | $142,500 |
| Southern Berkshire Regional School District (working with the Regional School District Planning Board, formed by the eight member towns of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge)  | $130,000 |
| Tri-town School Union (*Boxford Public Schools as fiscal agent*, exploring PK-6 regionalization of towns in the union, Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield) | $29,150 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | **$500,000** |