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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | MassSTEP ABE and MassSTEP ESOL Planning and Implementation  | **FUND CODE:** 661/671/359 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ $2,610,587 (State and Federal) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 2,891,300 |
| **PURPOSE:** Funding for planning MassSTEP ABE (IET) and MassSTEP ESOL (IELCE) programs. MassSTEP ABE and MassSTEP ESOL programs are funded in two phases: planning and implementation. Planning Grants are optional. Applicants do not need to have first received a planning grant to apply for an Implementation grant.MassSTEP ABE provides adult education (AE) concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities, and workforce training to accelerate learning outcomes, including student attainment of a high school credential and one or more relevant industry-recognized credentials (IRCs). MassSTEP ESOL provides adult ESOL instruction concurrently and contextually with civics education in addition to workforce preparation activities and workforce training to accelerate learning outcomes, including student attainment of one or more relevant IRCs occupations. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 28 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 28 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** MassSTEP models are intended to accelerate entry into employment and are generally 16 weeks or lessImplementation: Priorities are to support applicants that demonstrate:* a need for MassSTEP ABE and/or MassSTEP ESOL services
* Career pathway development in priority occupations as shown in the [WIOA local plan](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/wioa-local-plan-packages)
* Concurrent and contextualized adult education instruction, workforce preparation activities, civics education (MassSTEP ESOL), and workforce training (requirement)
* A program design about 16 weeks in length (requirement)
* Partnership with one or more local area employers in the occupation that includes but is not limited to assistance with job placement/employment (requirement)
* Student attainment of one or more IRCs (requirement) and a high school credential (MassSTEP ABE).
* Collaborations with local MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Centers, and/or [Career/Vocational Technical Education](https://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/cvte/) programs.
* Commitment to delivering a program that adheres to the [*FY24–FY28 Policies for Effective MassSTEP Programs in Community Adult Learning Centers and Correctional Institutions*](https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2024/661-671-359/policies-massstep.docx) and [*MassSTEP Brand Standards and Implementation Guide*](https://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/MassSTEP/standards-guide.pdf)
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| **Recipients** | **Amounts** |
| Boston Public Schools - Paraprofessional | $91,519  |
| Boston Public Schools – Hospitality | $99,825  |
| Bristol Community College – Certified Nursing Assistant | $90,000  |
| Bristol Community College – Clean Water Technology | $90,000  |
| Bristol County Sheriff's Office  | $98,390  |
| Cambridge Community Learning Center  | $100,000  |
| Hampden County Sheriff's Office  | $80,000  |
| Holyoke Community College – Culinary Arts | $45,188  |
| Holyoke Community College – Certified Nursing Assistant | $150,000  |
| International Institute of New England, Inc.  | $100,000  |
| Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program  | $100,000  |
| North Adams Public School  | $79,704  |
| North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc  | $90,000  |
| North Shore Community College  | $125,000  |
| Northern Essex Community College  | $100,000  |
| Notre Dame Education Center-Lawrence  | $98,346  |
| Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. – Accounting  | $95,680  |
| Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc. – Information Technology | $47,840  |
| Quinsigamond Community College – Medical Assistant | $110,587  |
| Quinsigamond Community College – Certified Nursing Assistant | $129,000  |
| Randolph Community Partnership, Inc.  | $76,328  |
| The Brockton Adult Learning Center  | $65,000  |
| University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Workers' Education Program  | $100,000  |
| Valley Opportunity Council  | $181,260  |
| Worcester Public Schools  | $86,920  |
| YMCA Boston – Boston  | $90,000  |
| YMCA Boston - Metro North  | $90,000  |
| **Total** **STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$2,610,587** |