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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Early Literacy Consortium Grant | **FUND CODE:** 726 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 374,000 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 371,677 (State) |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive, state-funded grant program is to support the development, launch, and continuation of partnerships between eligible Sponsoring Organizations and PK–12 districts to promote improved teacher preparation and development in evidence-based early literacy instruction and improved early literacy outcomes for PK–3 students. All students deserve access to high-quality instruction, and it will take collaborative and innovative efforts on the part of both districts and institutes of higher education to ensure that PK–3 educators have the pre-service training as well as the ongoing professional development needed to well-serve Massachusetts students.The goal of this grant program is for both districts and Sponsoring Organizations to benefit from collaboration through multi-year consortium developed to impact early literacy teaching and learning through preparation of candidates and ultimately hiring and employment of effective Elementary, Early Childhood, and Moderate Disabilities PK–8 teachers. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 11 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:**   | 5  |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** 14 school districts and 14 Sponsoring Organizationsformed 6 regional consortia.These consortia have been awarded grants ranging in amounts from $24,000 to $150,000 depending on the consortium’s stage of development (Visioning Stage, Planning Stage, Implementing Stage). These regional consortia are committed to advancing evidence-based, culturally and linguistically early literacy instruction within their districts and sponsoring organizations so that pre-service and in-service educators have the skills and knowledge necessary to close the student opportunity gap in early literacy.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Randolph Public Schools | $24,941 |
| Springfield Public Schools | $150,000 |
| Pentucket Regional School District | $72,000 |
| Bay Path University | $25,000 |
| Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District | $75,000 |
| Smith College | $24,736 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | $371,677 |