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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:** | April 11, 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** |
| 141 | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | 9 | $134,227 |
| 144 | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | 17 | $179,848 |
| 145 | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | 5 | $56,749 |
| 163 | Digital Connections Partnership Schools Grant (E-rate Special Construction State Match) | 2 | $44,911 |
| 528-323 | Increased Access to Quality Summer Learning and Transition Programs | 5 | $311,447 |
| 529 | After-School and Out-of-School Time (ASOST) Pilot Data-Sharing Targeted Funds Grant | 1 | $100,000 |
| 644 | Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Summer Enhancement Grant | 17 | $381,000 |
| 694 | Teacher Externship Program FY2018 | 14 | $62,400 |
| 722 | School Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant for High Need Districts | 25 | $373,998 |
| **TOTAL** | | **95** | **$1,644,580** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | | **FUND CODE:** 141 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $134,227 (Federal) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $134,227 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive grant program is to provide districts with funding to support teachers to deepen their understanding and implementation of high-quality instructional materials, methodologies and programs to support the revised 2017 English Language Arts-Literacy, 2017 Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks, and the 2016 Science and Technology/Engineering standards. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 12 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 9 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 3 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** Grant recipients proposed activities to support teacher-led professional development studying and implementing high-quality instructional materials. Districts are seeking to ensure that their curricular materials are aligned to our challenging state standards, and with good reason. Recent research has found that, in some cases, the adoption of high-quality instructional materials produced a larger effect on student learning than the effect of having an experienced teacher versus a novice teacher. For the context of this grant, high-quality instructional materials are defined as those that have been verified as aligned to rigorous college- and career-ready standards by a neutral third-party evaluator. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Chicopee Public Schools | $18,700 |
| Berkshire Hills Public Schools | $17,000 |
| Fall River Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Martha’s Vineyard Public Schools | $10,800 |
| Mohawk Trail Public Schools | $13,342 |
| Milton Public Schools | $13,600 |
| Tewksbury Public Schools | $15,000 |
| Attleboro Public Schools | $11,019 |
| Everett Public Schools | $14,766 |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$134,227** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | | **FUND CODE:** 144 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $179,848 (Federal) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $179,848 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive grant program is to provide districts with funding to support teachers to deepen their understanding and implementation of high-quality instructional materials, methodologies and programs to support the revised 2017 English Language Arts-Literacy, 2017 Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks, and the 2016 Science and Technology/Engineering standards. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 41 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 17 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 24 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** Grant recipients proposed activities to support teacher-led professional development studying and implementing high-quality instructional materials. Districts are seeking to ensure that their curricular materials are aligned to our challenging state standards, and with good reason. Recent research has found that, in some cases, the adoption of high-quality instructional materials produced a larger effect on student learning than the effect of having an experienced teacher versus a novice teacher. For the context of this grant, high-quality instructional materials are defined as those that have been verified as aligned to rigorous college- and career-ready standards by a neutral third-party evaluator. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Monson Public Schools (approved for two proposals) | $17,150 |
| Carver Public Schools | $8,125 |
| Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | $10,000 |
| Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School | $5,500 |
| Bellingham Public Schools | $7,800 |
| Northbridge Public Schools | $9,940 |
| Westfield Public Schools | $6,480 |
| Waltham Public Schools | $15,000 |
| Hudson Public Schools | $5,492 |
| Worcester Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Spencer East Brookfield Public Schools | $12,000 |
| Chelsea Public Schools | $20,000 |
| Nauset Public Schools | $13,310 |
| Salem Public Schools | $1,051 |
| West Springfield Public Schools | $8,000 |
| Holyoke Public Schools | $20,000 |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$179,848** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | High Quality Instruction - Summer Planning Grants | | **FUND CODE**: 145 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $56,749 (Federal) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $56,749 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive grant program is to provide districts with funding to support teachers to deepen their understanding and implementation of high-quality instructional materials, methodologies and programs to support the revised 2017 English Language Arts-Literacy, 2017 Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks, and the 2016 Science and Technology/Engineering standards. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 11 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 5 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 6 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING**: Grant recipients proposed activities to support teacher-led professional development studying and implementing high-quality instructional materials. Districts are seeking to ensure that their curricular materials are aligned to our challenging state standards, and with good reason. Recent research has found that, in some cases, the adoption of high-quality instructional materials produced a larger effect on student learning than the effect of having an experienced teacher versus a novice teacher. For the context of this grant, high-quality instructional materials are defined as those that have been verified as aligned to rigorous college- and career-ready standards by a neutral third-party evaluator. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Boston Public Schools | $10,000 |
| Weymouth Public Schools | $10,000 |
| Pittsfield Public Schools | $10,000 |
| Haverhill Public Schools | $19,800 |
| Salem Public Schools | $6,949 |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | **$56,749** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | Digital Connections Partnership Schools Grant (E-rate Special Construction State Match) | | **FUND CODE:** 163 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $113,398 (State) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $44,911 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** To assist public school districts in improving student instruction and assessment using technology through increased broadband access. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 3 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 2 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 1 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) funded 10 percent of the eligible special construction charges requested on each district’s Funding Year 2017 Form 471 to the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC). The final award was based on the amount ultimately approved by USAC following issuance of a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) by USAC and submission of a grant application to DESE. Dedham, Dracut, Dighton-Rehoboth, and Peabody filed a Funding Year 2017 Form 471 and were eligible for funding. Dracut did not submit a grant application to DESE and Peabody’s Form 471 was not approved by USAC. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Dedham | $17,281 |
| Dighton-Rehoboth | $27,630 |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$44,911** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | Increased Access to Quality Summer Learning and Transition Programs | | **FUND CODE:** 528/323 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $311,447 ($161,054 State / $150,393 Federal) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $473,467 | | |
| **PURPOSE**: The purpose of this new state and federally funded competitive grant is to increase access to quality summer learning programs and to assist students with the transition into elementary, middle, or high school. Eligible applicants for this grant included Massachusetts Level 5 districts (for any elementary, middle or high school) and other districts with a Level 4 or 5 elementary, middle or high school, based on 2017 accountability determinations: [http://www.doe.mass.edu/accountability/account-assist-levels-2017.xlsx.](http://www.doe.mass.edu/accountability/lists-tools/) | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 5 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 5 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 0 | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** | | Boston Public Schools (Brighton High School) | $38,223 | | Holyoke Public Schools (Sullivan Elementary, E.N. White Elementary) | $90,000 | | New Bedford Public Schools (New Bedford High School) | $38,224 | | Southbridge Public Schools (Eastford Road Elementary, Charlton Street Elementary, West Street Elementary) | $100,000 | | Worcester Public Schools (Elm Park Community Elementary, Forest Grove Middle) | $45,000 | | **TOTAL FUNDS (STATE $161,054 / FEDERAL $150,393)** | **$311,447** |   **RESULT OF FUNDING:** A total of 5 public school districts (for 9 schools) will receive funds to increase access for 800 students to quality summer learning programs and to assist with the transition into elementary, middle or high school. | | | |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | After-School and Out-of-School Time (ASOST) Pilot Data-Sharing Targeted Funds Grant | | **FUND CODE:** 529 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $100,000 State | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $100,000 | | |
| **PURPOSE**: The purpose of this competitive grant is for the operation of a pilot data-sharing program designed to provide school districts with funds to partner with local community-based organizations (CBOs) and to share identifiable student data to the extent allowed by law, as described in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY18) state budget [7061-9611 line item language](http://www.mass.gov/bb/gaa/fy2018/app_18/act_18/h70619611.htm). | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 1 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 1 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 0 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING**: One organization will receive funds for the operation of a pilot data-sharing program designed to provide two school districts with funds to partner with local community-based organizations (CBOs) and to share identifiable student data to the extent allowed by law. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership (MAP) (Boston) | $100,000 |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$100,000** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | Massachusetts 21st Century Community LearningCenters – Summer Enhancement Grant | | **FUND CODE**: 644 | |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $381,000 (Federal) | | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $490,072 | | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this federally-funded competitive Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Summer Enhancement Grant is to stem summer learning loss by expanding innovative summer learning programs that address both the academic and developmental needs of students. | | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 17 Applicants / 25 sites | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 17 Applicants / 25 sites | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 0 Applicants / 0 sites | | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** This funding will support districts/communities in enhancing and expanding summer programming at 25 schools. This programming will provide students with engaging instruction, project-based and/or service-learning experiences, and opportunities for academic enrichment. These programs will also engage with various community partners to support students’ learning, as well as social/emotional and physical development. Approximately 2,000 students will benefit from programs and services supported through this funding. Grant awards for each funded site ranges from $10,000-$18,000. | | | | |
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| **RECIPIENTS/SITES** | | | | | **AMOUNTS** |
| Boston Public Schools (Kenny Elementary) | | | | | $15,000 |
| Collaborative for Educational Services (Philip G. Coburn Elementary School, W. Springfield 15,000/Amherst MS $15,000) | | | | | $30,000 |
| Fall River Public Schools (Greene Elementary School $18,000/Durfee HS $18,000) | | | | | $36,000 |
| For Kids Only Afterschool (Welch Elementary School $10,000/Center Elementary School $10,000 Peabody) | | | | | $20,000 |
| Holyoke Public Schools (High School) | | | | | $15,000 |
| Lowell Public Schools (Morey Elementary) | | | | | $15,000 |
| North Adams Public School (Colgrove Park Elementary $18,000/Brayton Elementary $18,000) | | | | | $36,000 |
| North Brookfield Youth Center (North Brookfield Elementary) | | | | | $18,000 |
| Quaboag Regional School District (Warren Elementary) | | | | | $18,000 |
| Salem Public Schools (Bowditch MS $18,000/Bates Elementary $18,000) | | | | | $36,000 |
| Socidad Latina (Timilty MS Boston) | | | | | $15,000 |
| The Community Group Lawrence (Community Day Arlington School $18,000/Wetherbee Elementary $18,000) | | | | | $36,000 |
| Triton Regional School District (Salisbury Elementary) | | | | | $10,000 |
| Wareham Public Schools (Middle School $18,000/HS $18,000) | | | | | $36,000 |
| Whitman-Hansen Regional School District (HS) | | | | | $10,000 |
| Winthrop Public Schools (Cummings Elementary) | | | | | $15,000 |
| Worcester Public Schools (Sullivan MS $10,000/Burncoat MS $10,000) | | | | | $20,000 |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | | | | | **$381,000** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | Teacher Externship Program FY2018 | | **FUND CODE:** 694 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | $62,400 (Trust) | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $62,400 | | |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this state grant program is to enable the Workforce Development Boards to support quality teacher externships for teachers that will enable them to learn about industries in the state with skill gaps and hiring challenges, improve their instruction by linking it to current business practice and industry concerns, and offer career awareness to their students about these industries as part of an effort to support better college and career readiness for students. | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | 14 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | 14 | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | 0 | |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING**: This grant will support fourteen (14) workforce regions’ placement of 50 CTE teachers across the state in externships in businesses in their communities that will offer those teachers powerful opportunities to improve their knowledge base about relevant industries and to develop new contextualized lessons to benefit their students. Grant awards range from $4,000 to $4,800. | | | |

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| **RECIPIENT** | **AMOUNT** |
| Berkshire County Regional Employment Board | $4,000 |
| Boston Private Industry Council | $4,000 |
| Bristol County Regional Employment Board | $4,800 |
| Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board | $4,800 |
| Central MA Workforce Investment Board | $4,800 |
| Franklin-Hampshire Workforce Investment Board | $4,800 |
| Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board | $4,000 |
| Hampden County Regional Employment Board | $4,800 |
| Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board | $4,000 |
| Metro North Regional Employment Board | $4,800 |
| North Central Workforce Investment Board | $4,000 |
| North Shore Workforce Investment Board | $4,800 |
| Partnership for a Skilled Workforce | $4,800 |
| South Shore Workforce Investment Board | $4,000 |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** | **$62,400** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:** | | School Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant for High Need Districts | | **FUND CODE**: 722 | |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:** | | $373,998 (Federal) | | | |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | | $1,421,571 | | | |
| **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 2017-2018 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 2016-2017 school year and be in good standing with the Child Nutrition Program reporting requirements, including being in compliance with the new 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, FY 17 (USDA). The Office for Food and Nutrition Programs received forty-three grant proposals (representing 86 schools); a total of twenty-six grants for $373,998 are recommended. | | | | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | | | 43 | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | | | 25 | | |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | | | Schools and districts that we not funded scored lower than those that were funded, most commonly because the school had received a prior School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for High Need Districts grant in 2010 (ARRA), 2011 (USDA), or FY14, FY15, FY16, FY17 (USDA) or requested funds for items deemed ineligible by the USDA. There were seventeen such proposals. | | |
| |  | | --- | | **RESULT OF FUNDING:** Twenty-five school districts representing thirty-six schools are recommended for grants ranging in amounts from $3,094 to $20,000.  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 FY18 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 or freezer 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** | |
| Brookline Public Schools | | $17,291 | |
| Cape Cod Technical School | | $7,208 | |
| Chicopee Public Schools | | $48,818 | |
| CREST | | $6,629 | |
| Cristo Rey Boston High School | | $6,833 | |
| Crystal Springs | | $14,903 | |
| Farmington River Regional SD | | $8,748 | |
| Gardner Public Schools | | $16,862 | |
| Gil Montague | | $6,471 | |
| Greater New Bedford RVTHS | | $5,257 | |
| Hamilton-Wenham RSD | | $6,611 | |
| Latham Centers | | $9,842 | |
| Leominster Public Schools | | $6,600 | |
| MA Department of Youth Services | | $7,569 | |
| Newburyport Public Schools | | $20,000 | |
| North Adams Public School | | $7,376 | |
| Old Rochester Regional School District | | $7,880 | |
| Quabbin Regional School District | | $6,500 | |
| Saugus Public Schools | | $13,461 | |
| Schools for Children | | $20,000 | |
| [South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical](https://edgrants.eoe.mass.edu/grantium/programList.jsf) (Keefe Regional Technical School) | | $12,820 | |
| Southbridge Public Schools | | $57,952 | |
| Springfield Public Schools | | $41,159 | |
| Webster Public Schools | | $10,000 | |
| Wellfleet School Committee | | $7,208 | |
| **TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS** | | **$373,998** | |