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| Jeffrey C. Riley*Commissioner* |  |

**MEMORANDUM**

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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:**  | Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner |
| **Date:**  | May 19, 2022 |
| **Subject:** | Grant Packages for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (May) |

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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** |
| 123 | SOA Rural Innovation and Efficiencies | 4 | $1,020,016 |
| **TOTAL**  |  |  | **$1,020,016** |

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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM**:  | SOA Rural Innovation and Efficiencies | **FUND CODE:** 123 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $5,000,000 (Trust) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $1,020,016 |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive grant program is to improve educational opportunities for all students by supporting increased efficiencies and educational program quality within and across rural school districts.  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | **19** |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | **4** |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | **15** |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** The intended result of funding is to improve educational opportunities for all students, with an emphasis on improving equity and racial equity, cross-district partnerships, coherent evidence-based programs, and opportunities for students in rural districts with a high percentage of low-income students and English learners and with low or declining enrollment. |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Berkshire Community College | $311,416 |
| Collaborative for Educational Services | $299,600 |
| Hampshire Regional School District | $209,000 |
| Quaboag Public Schools | $200,000 |
| **TOTAL STATE**  | **$1,020,016** |