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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | School District Regionalization | **FUND CODE:** 191 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 485,500 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 485,500 |
| **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; and 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.” (Line Item 7061-9809) |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:**  This grant is designed to provide 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 partner school districts secure the resources and expert help needed to navigate the various laws, regulations and best practices associated with investigating shared services or regionalization. |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Berkshire County Education Task Force (*via Berkshire County Planning Commission and affiliated 501(c)(3): Berkshires Tomorrow)* | $200,000 |
| Southern Berkshire Regional School District *(working with Berkshire Hills Regional School District*) | $125,000 |
| Gill-Montague Regional School District *(working with the Six Town Regional Planning Board, encompassing the towns of Gill, Montague, Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick)* | $77,000 |
| Quaboag Regional School District *(working with the North Brookfield Public Schools)* | $20,000 |
| Town of Heath (*working with Hawlemont Regional School District*) | $35,000 |
| Somerset-Berkley Regional School District (*working with the Somerset Public Schools and Berkley Public Schools)* | $28,500 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | **$485,500** |