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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | From Research to Practice: Evidence-Based Early Literacy | **FUND CODE:** 734 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $896,254  |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $3,410,260 |
| **PURPOSE:**  The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) administers an **Early Grades Literacy** grant with the goal of improving early literacy as articulated in the state’s [ESSA plan](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/essa/stateplan/), [Student Opportunity Act](http://www.doe.mass.edu/commissioner/spec-advisories/soa.html), and [Literacy Strategic Plan for Massachusetts](http://www.doe.mass.edu/instruction/literacy-humanities.html). The purpose of the grant program is to increase student proficiency in early reading, specifically foundational skills, using scientific, evidence-based practices, materials and assessments. **This program is ideal for schools committed to improving early literacy through deep professional development and systemic supports.** |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 64  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 17 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 47 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** The grant program will support 17 schools (14 districts) to increase student proficiency in early reading, specifically foundational skills. With this funding for a team of teachers and one administrator to participate in a year-long professional learning series that supports the implementation of evidence-based foundational instruction, materials, practices, screening and progress monitoring assessments and data analysis.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Athol-Royalston Regional School District | $54,333 |
| Dudley-Charlton Regional School District | 114, 975 |
| Fitchburg Public Schools | 47,775 |
| Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District | 59,200 |
| Hawlemont Regional School District  | 54,800 |
| Hoosac Valley Regional School District | 59,200 |
| Lynn Public Schools | 57,200 |
| Monson Public Schools | 59,200 |
| Orange Public Schools | 50,175 |
| Pentucket Regional School District | 92,696 |
| Quaboag Regional School District | 90,575 |
| Webster Public Schools | 49,375 |
| Westford Public Schools | 50,975 |
| Winchendon Public Schools | 58,400 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | **$896,254** |