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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Appleseeds Implementation Grant | **FUND CODE:** 203 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 1,000,000 (Federal) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 919,734 |
| **PURPOSE:** Grounded in the belief that high-quality instructional materials can support excellence with equity, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is committed to expanding access to strong curricular materials as a powerful way to narrow opportunity gaps and accelerate student learning. In the fall of 2022, DESE released [[***Appleseeds: Evidence-Based Foundational Skills for Massachusetts***](https://sites.google.com/view/appleseedsk2/home)](https://sites.google.com/view/appleseedsk2/home)*,* an openly available curricular resource that is aligned with the standards for Reading Foundational Skills and reflects the evidence-based practices outlined in the state’s vision for excellent early literacy instruction, and in ***the*** [***Mass Literacy Guide***](https://www.doe.mass.edu/massliteracy/). Appleseeds is a complete package of evidence-based instructional materials for reading foundational skills, grades K-2, that includes everything from lesson plans to student workbooks to decodable readers to assessments. The Appleseeds Implementation grants will support districts to seamlessly implement Appleseeds: Evidence-Based Foundational Skills for Massachusetts in grades K-2. This grant will fund professional printing of all printed materials and professional development to support teachers, principals, and literacy coaches from a DESE-approved Appleseeds PD provider. Professional development includes onsite implementation support responsive to districts’ and schools’ strengths, needs, challenges, and opportunities.  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 5 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 5 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** As a result of this funding a total of 5 LEAs will receive funding to professionally print all of the Appleseeds materials and professional development from a DESE-approved Appleseeds PD provider to support full implementation. Grant awards ranged from $179,085 to $194,888 for a total of $919,734.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Clinton Public Schools  | $182,842 |
| Frontier Regional and Union 38 School Districts | $184,569 |
| Monson Public Schools | $179,085 |
| Orange Public Schools | $178,350 |
| Shore Educational Collaborative | $194,888 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS | **$919,734** |