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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Playful Learning Institute Competitive Grant Program | **FUND CODE:** 347 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $282,240 (Federal) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:**  | $497,944 |
| **PURPOSE:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (Department's) Early Learning Team will engage grantees in a Playful Learning Institute (Institute) pilot initiative beginning in the spring of 2023 and continuing through the 2023-24 school year. District and school administrators, Preschool through 3rd grade (PK–3) inclusive classroom educators, and Out-of-School Time (OST) program staff and administrators that attend the Institute and engage in the pilot will gain tools and strategies needed to intentionally design and embed playful learning across the course of the day. The Institute will support deep dives into content, create equitable access to learning for all children, and create many varied opportunities for authentic assessment, particularly during instructional blocks across the content areas. The Institute will include professional development and coaching for district and school administrators as well as two (2) educators each in PK–3. Grantees will develop grade-level action plans that focus on implementation strategies at each grade level of at least one of the following: Boston Public Schools' Focus Curriculum; and/or implementation of two or more of the playful learning instructional practices (Read Alouds, Center/Studios, Writing, Storytelling/Story Acting, and Thinking and Feedback) that are utilized in this integrated curriculum; and/or other playful learning strategies learned through the professional development. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 11 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 5 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:**  | 6 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** The Department received a total of eleven (11) proposals of which five (5) are being recommended for funding. Funds will be used for materials, participation in professional development, stipends, and substitutes. Teachers, administrators, and support staff from seven schools, in pre-k-3rd grade, will learn how to implement playful learning instructional strategies throughout the school day across multiple subject areas. Grant awards range from $18,500 to $68,000.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Beverly Public Schools |  $68,000 |
| Boston Renaissance Charter Public School | $59,740 |
| Pioneer Valley Regional School District (Northfield) | $68,000 |
| Sharon Public Schools | $68,000 |
| Woburn Public Schools | $18,500 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS | **$282,240** |