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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Early Literacy Universal Screening Assessment | **FUND CODE:** 586 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 593,859 State |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 650,314 |
| **PURPOSE:** The recent amendment to *Special Education Regulations on School District Administration and Personnel, 603 CMR 28.03 (1)*, mandates as of July 1, 2023, local education agencies (LEAs) must administer a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) approved early literacy universal screening assessment at least twice per year to students in grades K-3. This grant will provide funding to meet this new requirement through the purchase and implementation of an approved early literacy universal screening assessment that **Meets Expectations** in grades K-3. The grant also provides funding to purchase initial professional development which focuses on administration and using results to make data-based instructional decisions for students in grades K-3.  |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | **25** |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | **21** |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 4 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** As a result of this funding a total of 21 LEAs will purchase a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) approved, meets expectations, early literacy universal screening assessment, supporting materials/site license for up to 2 years, initial training and/or professional development. LEAs will use the universal screening assessment to help identify students that may be at risk for poor reading outcomes, including risk for dyslexia. Grant awards ranged from $1765 to $100,000 for a total of $593,859. |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Amherst Public Schools (including Pelham PS) | $26,238 |
| Billerica Public Schools | $20,981 |
| Brockton Public Schools | $100,000 |
| CREST Collaborative | $12,694 |
| DanversPublic Schools | $37,700 |
| Freetown Lakeville Regional School District | $9,913 |
| Frontier Union Regional School District | $6,000 |
| Lexington Public Schools | $67,284 |
| Ludlow Public Schools | $32,588 |
| Malden Public Schools | $30,000 |
| Marion Public Schools | $5,076 |
| Mattapoisett Public Schools | $5,076 |
| Methuen Public Schools | $9,390 |
| Millis Public Schools | $13,380 |
| Milton Public Schools | $47,416 |
| Northampton Public Schools | $18,900 |
| Norwood Public Schools | $36,710 |
| Rochester Public Schools | $5,076 |
| South Coast Educational Collaborative | $1,765 |
| Springfield Public Schools | $100,000 |
| Tyngsborough Public Schools | $7,672 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | **$593,859** |