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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Early Literacy Consortium Grant | **FUND CODE:** 0726 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $ 371,660 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:** | $ 371,660 (State) |
| **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this competitive, state-funded grant program is to continue to support the development, launch, and continuation of partnerships between eligible Sponsoring Organizations and PK–12 districts to promote improved teacher preparation and development in evidence-based early literacy instruction and improved early literacy outcomes for PK–3 students. All students deserve access to high-quality instruction, and it will take collaborative and innovative efforts on the part of both districts and institutes of higher education to ensure that PK–3 educators have the pre-service training as well as the ongoing professional development needed to well-serve Massachusetts students.The goal of this grant program is for both districts and Sponsoring Organizations to benefit from collaboration through multi-year consortium developed to impact early literacy teaching and learning through preparation of candidates and ultimately hiring and employment of effective Elementary, Early Childhood, and Moderate Disabilities PK–8 teachers. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:**  | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:**  | 6 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:**   | 0 Districts and/or Sponsoring Organizations were not funded. |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** 13 school districts and 11 Sponsoring Organizations **formed 6 regional consortia.** These consortia have been awarded grants ranging in amounts from $20,000 to $110,000 depending on the consortium’s stage of development (Visioning Stage, Planning Stage, Implementing Stage). These regional consortia are committed to advancing evidence-based, culturally and linguistically early literacy instruction within their districts and sponsoring organizations so that pre-service and in-service educators have the skills and knowledge necessary to close the student opportunity gap in early literacy.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Hadley Public Schools | $36,773 |
| Hampden Wilbraham Regional School District | $110,000 |
| Hoosac Valley Regional School District | $20,000 |
| Northampton Public Schools | $50,000 |
| Springfield Public Schools | $105,267 |
| Stonehill College | $49,620 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | **$371,660** |