# FY2026 Early Literacy Consortium Grant Fund Code: 0726

**Funds Allocated:** $800,000 (State)

**Funds Requested**: $800,000

**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:** 8

**Number of Proposals Recommended:** 7

**Number of Proposals Not Recommended:** 1

## Result of Funding: 17 public school districts and 14 Educator Preparation Programs formed 7 regional consortia. These consortia have been awarded grants ranging in amounts from $10,000 to $200,000 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.

| **Recipients** | **Amounts** |
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| Hadley | $10,000 |
| Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District | $190,000 |
| Smith College | $199,284 |
| Springfield Public Schools | $190,716 |
| Stonehill College | $190,000 |
| Waltham Public Schools | $10,000 |
| Worcester Public Schools | $10,000 |
| **Total State Funds** | **$800,000** |