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| **NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**  | Connecting Activities  | **FUND CODE:** 0428 |
| **FUNDS ALLOCATED:**  | $5,689,479 (State) |
| **FUNDS REQUESTED:**  | $7,652,172 |
| **PURPOSE:** This competitive grant is intended to enhance a regional system of support for high schools and high school students to engage in career immersion learning opportunities for career readiness. Programming should expose students to a variety of career opportunities based on labor market research and allow for targeted workforce and career skills development, career counseling, and elements of experiential and work-based learning. |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED:** | 16 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED:** | 16 |
| **NUMBER OF PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED:** | 0 |
| **RESULT OF FUNDING:** * Increase the number of students placed in work-based learning immersion experiences (e.g., internships, whether paid or for school credit, pre-apprenticeships, career capstones, etc.) and youth employment aligned to student interest and planning, including where schools have implemented MyCAP, documented and aligned in student MyCAP.
* Increase the number of employers partnering with districts/schools to provide career development opportunities to all students. A deliberate focus should be on WBL opportunities in high wage, high demand and other fields identified as growth areas that will provide family sustaining wages in the Commonwealth.
* Support the efforts of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Executive Office of Education (EOE) and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) to improve equity and access to career development education opportunities for underserved student populations. (Including underserved racial/ethnic populations, low-income students, English learners and students with disabilities as well as students from cities and towns with high youth unemployment)
* Support school and districts' efforts to increase MyCAP implementation for all students.
* Provide at least one annual regional convening open to all schools in the region that provides school and district staff with updated regional workforce data, reflection on regional work-based learning opportunities, opportunity to learn of resources and best practices related to providing high quality career immersion activities.

Note: While all applicants did receive an award, line items from each proposal were not funded based on allowable expenses and grant goal alignment.  |

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| **RECIPIENTS** | **AMOUNTS** |
| Berkshire County Reg. Employment Board |  $334,505  |
| Boston Private industry Council |  $1,456,625  |
| Bristol County Training Consortium |  $172,455  |
| Brockton Area WIB |  $258,396  |
| Cape & Islands Workforce Development Board, Inc. |  $271,571  |
| Career Center of Lowell |  $415,314  |
| City of Salem/North Shore WIB |  $380,061  |
| Franklin/Hampshire Employment & Training |  $347,458  |
| Greater New Bedford WIB |  $158,882  |
| MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board, Inc. |  $213,979  |
| Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board |  $362,630  |
| Metro North Regional Employment Board |  $448,277  |
| Metro South/West Workforce Board |  $415,813  |
| North Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board, Inc. |  $256,314  |
| South Coastal Career Development Administration (City of Quincy) | $147,206 |
| Worcester City Manager's Office |  $49,993  |
| **TOTAL STATE FUNDS** |  **$5,689,479**  |