# **FY2026: FC 791 Recovery High Schools Program**

**Questions and Answers (as of 4/28/2025)**

Please email questions to [achievement@mass.gov](mailto:achievement@mass.gov) with the

Subject Line: FY26 FC 0791 Question

1. **Can a Massachusetts public school district or educational collaborative submit a proposal to implement more than one Recovery High School program in different locations? Answer:** Yes.The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) is seeking to fund up to five (5) programs across the Commonwealth to facilitate student enrollment in different geographic regions of the state*.* If an applicant is submitting a proposal to implement more than one Recovery High School program, please submit all required information and forms for each program.
2. **Question: Does the grant need to be approved by the LEA Superintendent/Chief Executive?**

**Answer:** Yes, competitive grant applications are considered approved and submitted when the grant is moved through the “Superintendent/Chief Executive Approval” step in GEM$.  The due date of the grant is 5/16/2025 at 5:00pm in GEM$.

1. **Question: Where in GEM$ can the templates/questions for the FY26 DESE Recovery High Schools funding opportunity application sections be found:**

* **Program Narrative**
* **Grant Assurances**
* **Drug Testing Policy & Procedures**
* **Out-of-School Support Procedures**
* **MOU**

**Answer:** To access the competitive grant application (including all templates/questions) in GEM$, a user needs to be assigned as a “LEA Grant Writer” for this funding opportunity (FC 0791). This role is created by the **LEA User Access Administrator** (UAA) separately for each funding application. An LEA Grant Writer assignment can be held by more than one person. Please contact your district’s UAA. Additional information is available for reference in **GEM$ LEA User Roles - Guidance and Forms** or **Module 2 in GEM$ Training Documentation** under DESE Resources on the GEM$ main page. For first-time GEM$ users, see the GEM$ Submission Instructions section in the [RFP](https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2026/0791/) for additional information about how to access GEM$ and submit an application.