

Governor McKee's Learn365RI Challenge

Dramatically improve outcomes for all Rhode Island students and achieve Massachusetts levels by 2030.

Improve Reading Performance (RICAS)

Improve Math Performance (RICAS)

Improve Daily Attendance

Improve FAFSA Completion

The RFP is live:

<https://governor.ri.gov/press-releases/mckee-administration-announces-learn365ri-rfp-seeking-proposals-advanced-learning>

RFP Highlights

1) *Must have a signed municipal education compact*

All proposals must include the following forms:

1. Application Cover Form, with the signature of the City or Town Mayor, Town Administrator, or Town Manager
2. Signed Municipal Education Compact
3. Application Program Narrative Form (8-page limit for Standard Grants only; 12-page limit for Standard plus Expanded Grants)
4. Standard Grant Budget Request Form
5. Standard Grant Budget Narrative Form

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2) Complete Standard or Standard and Enhanced Application

All communities complete the Standard Application (\$50,000)

If applying for the “Expanded Grant” (up to \$400,000) there are additional narrative and budget requirements

Possible outcomes:

- Not selected for funding
- Selected for a Standard Grant
- Selected for a partially-funded Expanded Grant
- Selected for an Expanded Grant

Illustrative Distribution of Funds

27 standard grants x \$50,000 = \$1,350,000

10 Partial expanded x \$185,000 = \$1,850,000

2 Full Expanded x \$400,000 = \$800,000

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3) Look closely at the Purpose and Allowable Uses of funds (and the not allowable uses)

The following are Allowable Uses:

- Provide skill-based out-of-school time learning programs. Summer, Breaks, Weekends.
- Invest in existing or new community learning programs, centers, and/or libraries.
- Awareness campaigns, provide transportation
- Out of School Time staff training
- Conduct a community-wide needs assessment
- Host an annual community forum on education
- Create a Municipal Youth Commission
- Develop other creative programs

The following are not allowable budget items:

- ~~Entertainment~~
- ~~Food for staff/volunteers~~
- ~~Gift cards~~
- ~~Construction or facility purchase or repair~~
- ~~Religious worship, instruction, or proselytization~~
- ~~Endowments~~
- ~~Materials or programs “designed to promote or encourage sexual activity”~~
- ~~Distributing legally obscene materials~~
- ~~Sexuality or HIV education that is not age appropriate and that does not include the health benefits of abstinence~~
- ~~Distributing contraceptives~~
- ~~Alcoholic beverages~~
- ~~Lobbying~~

Partners to Consider

The following is a sample of organizations for potential partnership

Organization/Group	Activity	Contact
Rec Departments, Libraries, schools/colleges, Boys and Girls Clubs, Ys, various existing providers	Build in tutoring, online learning or other programming to existing programs	Varies
Bradley Learning Exchange	Training for staff on multiple areas, especially mental health	https://www.lifespan.org/centers-services/bradley-learning-exchange
RISLA	Deeply partner for expanded FAFSA nights and programming	risla.com/college-planning-center
Coaching4Change	Tutoring initiative (featured in yesterday's Projo)	https://www.c4cinc.org/
RI Office of Healthy Aging	Intergenerational Reading Initiative	Maria.E.Cimini@oha.ri.gov

Educational Compact Signings!

Newport, Bristol, East Providence, East Greenwich, Providence, Warren, Smithfield, Pawtucket, North Kingstown, Jamestown have all signed on already!





Mission Statement & Contact

The Mission of Always Learning Rhode Island is to support and advance learning for Rhode Island youth by augmenting the 180 days of the traditional school schedule to provide opportunities for year-round out-of-school learning in homes and in the community.

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