

Town of Barrington

Request for Proposals

Learn365 Barrington After-School Student Assistance Programs

The Town is seeking proposals from qualified education professionals and Community-Based Organizations to further the goals of the Learn365RI program, expanding the culture of learning from the 180-day school year to a full 365-day calendar year.

I. LEARN365 BARRINGTON PROGRAM

The Barrington Learn365RI program supports out-of-school programs benefiting K-12 students in need of assistance to improve test scores, prepare college applications, and submit FAFSA applications.

A. Spring/Summer Programming

Funding available May 1, 2025, through September 1, 2025

Focus Area: Math Matters

This funding is to support out-of-school time learning programs with an explicit focus on mathematics for students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade. These programs may include an April Break Math Camp, intensive afterschool and/or weekend math programming, and/or a four (or more)-week summer program. All funds must be spent no later than September 15, 2025.

B. Spring 2025 – September 2026 Programming

Programs that will be considered for funding include the following focus areas:

1. Focus Area: After-School and Summer Academic Support

The goal is to support students who would benefit from extra assistance outside school hours. The goal will be to assist students who have failed to reach expectations or partially met expectations through past Assessments, to improve their scores in language arts and math. (Examples: an after-school enrichment program at the elementary school run by a PTO, or tutors meeting with students after school).

2. Focus Area: College Application Assistance

The intent is to provide support for High School juniors who would benefit from advice and guidance from education professionals as they navigate the post-secondary application process. A target area includes students who will be first generation college students who may not have family members with the knowledge base to support them in the application process, and others who may lack the fiscal resources needed to

obtain high-quality support in applying for college or technical schools. An example of support is one-on-one and group coaching focusing on writing essays required as part of the college application process.

3. Focus Area: FAFSA Assistance

This focus area is to assist students and their families who need help preparing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid and renew it each school year. This could include in-person workshops, virtual meetings for groups and/or individuals, etc.

4. Focus Area: Other

The Town will consider supporting other types of programs that are determined to be effective in achieving the goals of the Learn365RI program.

<https://ride.ri.gov/information-accountability/ri-education-data/learn-365-ri>

II. MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The State grant requires municipalities to provide data to measure outcomes from local Learn365 programs. The types of data needed to measure success depends on the type of program offered. Examples of data include:

- A. Students served
- B. Student Assessment Scores
- C. Increase in FAFSA completion rates – measured by School District
- D. Increase in college or technical school applications submitted
- E. Student and family surveys. Students and families will be asked to complete a survey to measure expectations before participating in the program, and a survey of program outcomes (what was effective, opportunities for improvement) upon completion.
- F. Student reflection and expression of empowerment, support, and preparedness

III. PROPOSAL - REQUIREMENTS

A. Proposal Letter

Proposals shall be submitted in the form of a Proposal Letter.

Required content includes:

- 1. Name of education professional or organization, with contact information
- 2. Proposal Details:
 - i. Describe focus area and services to be provided

- ii. Describe how the proposal meets goals of the Learn365RI Program
- iii. Group to benefit from the proposed program (ages, grades, those with specific needs)
- iv. Proposed timeline
- v. Location (on-site or remote)
- vi. Program Budget with Fee Schedule (hourly rates, etc.)
- 3. Qualifications of those providing the services
- 4. Experience working with students in Barrington/region/Rhode Island
- 5. Reporting of outcomes / measuring success (see Section 2)

B. Attachments

In addition to the Proposal Letter, please include:

- 1. References – at least three references. Provide names, contact information (phone, email)
- 2. Resume(s) of those providing the services

IV. SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted by one of the following delivery methods:

- A. Via email with Learn365 Barrington Proposal” in the subject line. Email to: kmarcu@barrington.ri.gov.
- B. In a sealed envelope labeled “Learn365 Barrington Proposal”. Mail or drop off at the following address:
Office of the Town Manager
Barrington Town Hall
283 County Road
Barrington, RI 02806

V. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

A. Round 1

Proposals submitted by no later than 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, will be evaluated and considered for funding. The Town will issue letters to those who submitted proposals as to the status of the funding award.

B. Rolling Applications

If funding is available after the Round 1 grant awards, the **Town will continue to accept proposals on a rolling basis until all grant funds have been awarded**. The Town will issue letters to those who submitted proposals as to the status of the funding award.

VI. QUESTIONS

Direct questions to Philip Hervey, Town Manager: phervey@barrington.ri.gov. Clarifications requested by bidders must be in writing not less than 7 days before the date set for receipt of Proposals. The reply will be in the form of an Addendum, a copy of which will be posted on the Town's website: <https://www.barrington.ri.gov/Bids.aspx>.

VII. EVALUATION

The Learn365 Barrington review team will evaluate proposals based on:

- A. Quality of proposal, including but not limited to potential to further the goals of the goals of the Learn365RI program. (Up to 40 points)
- B. Qualifications – education background, years of experience, etc. (Up to 20 points)
- C. Experience working with students in Barrington (highest score), the East Bay region, and the State (Up to 20 points)
- D. Proposed tracking of data and measurement of outcomes (Up to 20 points)

VIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Town reserves the right to:

- A. Award the contract in whole, or in part, and reject any and all Proposals.
- B. Remedy technical errors in the Request for Proposals process,
- C. Negotiate with some all or none of the respondents;
- D. Waive informalities and irregularities in proposals and the RFP process;
- E. Require confirmation of information furnished in a Proposal;
- F. Require additional evidence of qualifications to perform the work described in this Request for Proposals.

The RFP does not commit the Town of Barrington to enter into a contract nor does it obligate the Town of Barrington to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of proposals or in anticipation of a contract.