

LEARN365 and Community Facilities Grant

Bristol Municipal Career and Technical Academy Update
Community Facilities Grant Update

November 15 2023

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Goals and Structure

- Develop Career and Technical Education Afterschool Program for local students grades 8 through 12.
- Participation open to all students in grades 8-12 residing in Bristol or that attend BWRSD
- Introduce Students to Concepts and Careers in Manufacturing, Design, and Trades
 - Site Visits
 - Herreshoff Marine Museum Composites Program – Skateboard Kit
- Connect Concepts being learned in the classroom with real-world
 - Hands on Projects
 - Tutoring and Classroom Programs

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Administration

- Stakeholder working group
 - Members of the Community, Library Staff, Town Staff, and BWRSD Staff working together to plan and guide program
- LEARN365 Coordinator
 - Part time contracted coordinator responsible for day to day administration, preparing reports, and working with Town Oversight Staff
- Town Oversight
 - Program is overseen by Library Staff and Grant is Administered by Department of Community Development. All direct costs are covered by the grant.

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Budget

Herreshoff Composite Program Materials	\$12,440.00	Covers purchase of materials for 14 'Roarocket' composite skateboard kits for the composites program for 12 students, Reimbursement for instructor for HMM Composite Program for 30 Hours, Reimbursement for instructor for HMM Composite Program for 30 Hours, Reimbursement for Finance instructor for HMM Composite Program for 20 Hours, Covers food for students during programming, transportation for program, Covers overhead for program
RWU Reimbursement	\$5,000.00	Cost to cover shadowing/auditing classes for students
Summer Programming	\$8,560.00	Covers cost for summer "Digging Deeper" job shadow programming, class programming
Summer Programming Supplies	\$1,000	Supplies for summer programming (paper, pens/pencils, etc.)
Classroom Programming	\$7,000.00	Cost to cover various speakers, guest teachers, regular classes and meetings, and any supplies for these presentations
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Executive Director	\$10,000	Hire part time Executive Director to administer program
Site Visits	\$3,000.00	Covers any planning, entry costs, etc for educational Site visit trips for students to job sites or other educational visits
Site Visit Transportation	\$2,000.00	Covers costs for transportations for site visits as/if needed
TOTAL	\$50,000.00	

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Current Status

- Award of Coordinator Position
 - Coordinator Position was awarded to Craig Evans after review and receipt of bid.
- Presentation to Interested Students
 - Herreshoff Marine is working to recruit students for Skateboard program and beyond
- Curriculum Development
 - Working Group is developing classroom tie-in programming
- Expenses
 - Expenditures approved by CommDev

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Next Steps

- Start of Programming with Herreshoff Marine Museum
- Start of Classroom Programming
- Start of Reporting
- Further Development of Curriculum and Summer Programming
 - Program will run until September 2024

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Tie in to Rogers Free Library

- State Requires LEARN365 Compact be Signed and LEARN 365 Programming to be a part of Community Learning Facilities Grant
- Opens up \$1.75M in funding for Generational Investment in Library

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Community Learning Facilities Grant

- Choice of Rogers Free Library
 - Investment of \$1.75M Allows for both massive facilities upgrades and new resources with little to no Town Funds
 - Existing Facility and considered Presumed Allowable Use by US Treasury
 - Existing programming and partnership already covers “Direct and Joint” requirement for Work, Education, and Health Monitoring
 - Lower risk, failure to meet/report requirements can result in being required to reimburse US Treasury

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- Concerns with Walley School
 - Bids received – even with Value Engineering – still barely covered with addition of this funding
 - Concerns about overruns costing Town
 - Far more new programming needed, creating

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Programming

- US Treasury requires programming for Education, Work, and Health Monitoring “Directly and Jointly” – available during all open hours to all clients
- Library offers resources for all three items, and will develop additional programming through staff and partnerships (i.e. BHEZ, EBCAP, BWRSD, etc)
- Programming can include Broadband-enabled resources
- Programming must start by December 2026 and show operation for 5 years.

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Potential Award and Proposed Expenses

- Total Allowed Funds (3rd Allocation) - \$1,751,142
- Proposed Construction Projects
 - Mezzanine Improvements
 - Additional Quiet Study Areas
 - Maker Space
 - Roof Insulation
 - Security System Upgrades
 - Electrical Upgrades
 - HVAC Upgrades
 - Community A/V and Classroom
 - Upgrade Exterior Display Window
 - Flooring Replacement
 - Storage and Shelving
 - Water Intrusion Repairs
 - Window Repairs
 - ADA Repairs and Improvements

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Potential Award and Proposed Expenses

- Equipment and Material Purchases
 - Computers and Laptops
 - Furniture and Furnishings
 - Maker Space Equipment

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Community Engagement

- Design and Programming will involve lengthy public input from Community Stakeholders, the Council, and the Public at Large
 - Community Surveys
 - Community Workshops
 - Council Workshops
 - Library Board Workshops

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Questions

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