

*Worcester Public Schools
Office of Grants Management*

Grant Acceptance Form

Name of Grant: Barr

Type of Funder: Barr Foundation

Awarded Amount: \$150,000.00

Grant Funding Period: 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2019

Project title: Planning for Post Secondary Success for All Students

Program coordinator: Maureen Binienda

Purpose: To provide a cohort of five groups, the opportunity to take a closer look at students and their experience in high school and their post-secondary readiness in order to cultivate a comprehensive strategic plan to serve them. WPS will be working in conjunction with EY Parthenon in a study of their work.

Description of the program: To participate in the following five key phases:

1. Community Building and Data Collection
2. Analysis
3. Reflection and Insight development
4. Planning
5. Dissemination and Action

Program location: Worcester Public Schools

Outcomes and Measures: The insights generated through analysis and peer support will help articulate a vision for preparing students for lifelong success.



GRANT VETTING FORM

Title of Competition: Planning for Post Secondary Success for All Students

Link is here: A link to the Request for Proposals can be found here:
<https://www.barrfoundation.org/partners/planning-for-success-rfp>

Purpose: The goal of this funding opportunity is to provide a cohort of five groups the opportunity to take a closer look at students and their experiences in high school and their post-secondary readiness in order to cultivate a comprehensive strategic plan to serve them. The awardees will be working in conjunction with EY Parthenon in a study of their work.

Funding Agency: Barr Foundation

Awards: Up to \$150,000

Grant Period: 12 month period.

Priorities: Competitive proposals will convey the importance and value of gaining a comprehensive understanding of the students they serve and their outcomes, and the capacity to use that knowledge to inform policy and practice. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to acting on the findings and making changes – including school and system-level changes – necessary to address the needs, challenges and assets of their students.

Eligibility: LEAs that have at least 1,500 students in Grades 9 through 12; serve a population of students with 50% high needs; located in New England. LEAs with on or multiple high schools are eligible to apply.

History: We have applied to the Barr Foundation in the past but have not been awarded. Most recently last year with a proposal to revamp program offerings at the Gerald Creamer Center.

Due Dates: July 20 through Barr Foundation online application system.

District Commitments Required: *Please see page 7 for details*

- Community Building and Data Collection
- Analysis
- Reflection and Insight Development
- Planning
- Dissemination

Fund Use: To support the participation in the analytic process, engagement in community of practice and development of the ensuing plan. Barr will consider offering continue support beyond this grant to sites that demonstrate the readiness to proceed toward implementation of the plan.