



LEARNINGWORKS Lists West End Portland Office Space for Sale

Part of a larger effort to start an endowment and amplify programming

PORTLAND, Maine, July 25, 2022 — LEARNINGWORKS, an organization committed to strengthening the communities it serves by providing free community-based education programs for children, adults, and families throughout Southern Maine, has listed its historic office building at 181 Brackett Street in Portland’s West End as part of its strategic plan to invest in its mission.

LEARNINGWORKS has called the West End home since 1967. Since then, the nonprofit has grown to over 60 employees.

“Before the pandemic, we engaged in a strategic planning process that identified the sale of the building as a potential strategy in order to reinvest in our mission,” said executive director Heather Davis. “The pandemic gave us an opportunity not only to reassess our geographic footprint and square footage needs, but also to identify ways to serve even more Mainers – expanding our services beyond Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook to rural areas such as York County. And since many of our employees now work from home, we need a space geared more toward student learning than administrative office space.”

LEARNINGWORKS was one of six organizations recently awarded a grant by Governor Mills’ Children’s Cabinet initiative to expand workforce programming for Maine youth. The organization plans to use the funds to expand its YouthBuild program, allowing the program to serve nearly twice as many students.

Board Chair Sarah Oliver said, “As we have evolved our strategy, mission and approach to in-office vs remote work, we have an opportunity to not only select a better fitting location but also create additional financial security that will fund our important programs.”

In the coming year, LEARNINGWORKS will pursue a location that best fits the needs of the dynamic communities it serves.

The property is listed for sale with [Jessica Estes](#) of The Boulos Company. View the listing [here](#) or contact Jessica for more information at 207.553.1708 or jestes@boulos.com.

ABOUT LEARNINGWORKS

LearningWorks responds to educational needs in the community by providing tutoring, mentoring, and alternative education opportunities designed to ensure the success of learners whose needs are not met by traditional systems.

The organization serves 1,500 people annually, support 20 local public schools and provide services to children, adults, and families in 20 towns in Southern Maine. Learn more at learningworks.me