

BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

GRANT AGREEMENT Investment ID INV-017102

AGREEMENT SUMMARY & SIGNATURE PAGE


GRANTEE INFORMATION	
Name:	Tulare County Superintendent of Schools
Tax Status:	Governmental unit within the meaning of U.S. IRC § 170(b)(1)(A)(v) and 170(c)(1) You confirm that the above information is correct and agree to notify the Foundation immediately of any change.
Mailing Address:	PO Box 5091 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93278, USA
Primary Contact:	Charlene Stringham, Assistant Superintendent, charlene.stringham@tcoe.org

FOUNDATION INFORMATION	
Mailing Address:	P. O. Box 23350, Seattle, Washington 98102, USA
Primary Contact:	Wendy Sauer, Senior Program Officer, US Program, wendy.sauer@gatesfoundation.org

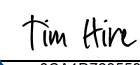
AGREEMENT INFORMATION	
Title:	Cohort 3 - Tulare Network for School Improvement
"Charitable Purpose":	to support an organization that runs a network of high schools to identify and solve common problems using evidence-based interventions to improve student achievement
"Start Date":	Date of last signature
"End Date":	October 31, 2025
This Agreement includes and incorporates by this reference:	This Agreement Summary & Signature Page and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Amount and Reporting & Payment Schedule (Attachment A) Terms and Conditions (Attachment B) Investment Document (date submitted September 15, 2020) Results Framework and Tracker (date submitted September 15, 2020) Budget (date submitted September 15, 2020)

THIS AGREEMENT is between Tulare County Superintendent of Schools ("*You*" or "*Grantee*") and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ("*Foundation*"), and is effective as of the date of last signature. Each party to this Agreement may be referred to individually as a "*Party*" and together as the "*Parties*." As a condition of this grant, the Parties enter into this Agreement by having their authorized representatives sign below.

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

DocuSigned by:

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 By: Wendy Sauer
 Title: Senior Program Officer
 Date: September 28, 2020

TULARE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DocuSigned by:

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 By: Tim Hire
 Title: Superintendent
 Date: September 28, 2020

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ATTACHMENT A
GRANT AMOUNT AND REPORTING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

GRANT AMOUNT

The Foundation will pay You the total grant amount specified in the Reporting & Payment Schedule below. The Foundation's Primary Contact must approve in writing any Budget cost category change of more than 10%.

REPORTING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payments are subject to Your compliance with this Agreement, including Your achievement, and the Foundation's approval, of any applicable targets, milestones, and reporting deliverables required under this Agreement. The Foundation may, in its reasonable discretion, modify payment dates or amounts and will notify You of any such changes in writing.

REPORTING

You will submit reports according to the Reporting & Payment Schedule using the Foundation's templates or forms, which the Foundation will make available to You and which may be modified from time to time. For a progress or final report to be considered satisfactory, it must demonstrate meaningful progress against the targets or milestones for that investment period. If meaningful progress has not been made, the report should explain why not and what adjustments You are making to get back on track. Please notify the Foundation's Primary Contact if You need to add or modify any targets or milestones. The Foundation must approve any such changes in writing. You agree to submit other reports the Foundation may reasonably request.

REPORTING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE				
<i>Investment Period</i>	<i>Target, Milestone, or Reporting Deliverable</i>	<i>Due By</i>	<i>Payment Date</i>	<i>Payment Amount (U.S.\$)</i>
	Countersigned Agreement		Within 15 days after receipt of countersigned Agreement	\$1,580,000.00
	Completed Research Services and Data Sharing Agreements	February 28, 2021	March 2021	\$320,000.00
	Secured district agreements with CORE			
	Measurement Plan			
Start Date to January 31, 2021	Progress Report			
	School Participation Agreements in Place			
February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021	Progress Report	July 30, 2021	September 2021	\$960,000.00
	Data successfully uploaded to the CORE data system			
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	Progress Report	July 30, 2022	September 2022	\$1,300,000.00
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	Progress Report	July 30, 2023	September 2023	\$1,300,000.00
	Draft Strategic Sustainability Plan			

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	Progress Report	July 30, 2024	September 2024	\$651,920.00
	Final Strategic Sustainability Plan			
Start Date to End Date	Final Report	Within 60 Days of End Date		
Total Grant Amount				\$6,111,920.00

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ATTACHMENT B
TERMS & CONDITIONS

This Agreement is subject to the following terms and conditions.

PROJECT SUPPORT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND CHARITABLE PURPOSE

The Foundation is awarding You this grant to carry out the project described in the Investment Document ("*Project*") in order to further the Charitable Purpose. The Foundation, in its discretion, may approve in writing any request by You to make non-material changes to the Investment Document.

EVALUATION

You agree to notify the Foundation and provide copies of any reports or findings if You conduct or commission any research or evaluation regarding the Project. If You are selected to participate in Foundation-funded research or evaluation relating to the Project, You agree to: (a) designate a primary point of contact; (b) cooperate with the Foundation's evaluation partner as reasonably required to implement an evaluation plan; and (c) provide or facilitate the collection of data as reasonably required; and (d) permit dissemination of resulting reports or finding.

DATA COLLECTION AND RELEASE TO FOUNDATION

The Foundation may request that You or an appropriate entity: (a) participate in surveys; (b) respond to requests for information; and (c) provide certain data to the Foundation for additional research and evaluation during the term of this Agreement and for 5 years thereafter. You agree (x) to reasonably comply with such requests, and (y) that the Foundation may disseminate such data and research results. Unless otherwise specified in writing, the Foundation will only request data related to individuals that is de-identified or aggregated at a level where such data will not be considered "personally identifiable."

MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

USE OF FUNDS

You may not use funds provided under this Agreement ("*Grant Funds*") for any purpose other than the Project. You may not use Grant Funds to reimburse any expenses You incurred prior to the Start Date. At the Foundation's request, You will repay any portion of Grant Funds and/or Income used or committed in material breach of this Agreement, as determined by the Foundation in its discretion.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

You must invest Grant Funds in highly liquid investments with the primary objective of preservation of principal (e.g., interest-bearing bank accounts or a registered money market mutual fund) so that the Grant Funds are available for the Project. Together with any progress or final reports required under this Agreement, You must report the amount of any currency conversion gains (or losses) and the amount of any interest or other income generated by the Grant Funds (collectively, "*Income*"). Any Income must be used for the Project.

GLOBAL ACCESS

GLOBAL ACCESS COMMITMENT

You will conduct and manage the Project and the Funded Developments in a manner that ensures Global Access. Your Global Access commitments will survive the term of this Agreement. "*Funded Developments*" means the products, services, processes, technologies, materials, software, data, other innovations, and intellectual property resulting from the Project (including modifications, improvements, and further developments to Background Technology). "*Background Technology*" means any and all products, services, processes, technologies, materials, software, data, or other innovations, and intellectual property created by You or a third party prior to or outside of the Project used as part of the Project. "*Global Access*" means: (a) the knowledge and information gained from the Project will be promptly and broadly

disseminated; and (b) the Funded Developments will be made available and accessible at an affordable price (i) to people most in need within developing countries, or (ii) in support of the U.S. educational system and public libraries, as applicable to the Project.

HUMANITARIAN LICENSE

Subject to applicable laws and for the purpose of achieving Global Access, You grant the Foundation a nonexclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, fully paid up, sublicensable license to make, use, sell, offer to sell, import, distribute, copy, create derivative works, publicly perform, and display Funded Developments and Essential Background Technology. "Essential Background Technology" means Background Technology that is: (a) owned, controlled, or developed by You, or in-licensed with the right to sublicense; and (b) either incorporated into a Funded Development or reasonably required to exercise the license to a Funded Development. You confirm that You have retained sufficient rights in the Funded Developments and Essential Background Technology to grant this license. You must ensure this license survives the assignment or transfer of Funded Developments or Essential Background Technology. On request, You must promptly make available the Funded Developments and Essential Background Technology to the Foundation for use solely under this license. If You demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Foundation that Global Access can best be achieved without this license, the Foundation and You will make good faith efforts to modify or terminate this license, as appropriate.

PUBLICATION

Consistent with Your Global Access commitments, if the Project description specifies Publication or Publication is otherwise requested by the Foundation, You will seek prompt Publication of any Funded Developments consisting of data and results. "*Publication*" means publication in a peer-reviewed journal or other method of public dissemination specified in the Project description or otherwise approved by the Foundation in writing. Publication may be delayed for a reasonable period for the sole purpose of seeking patent protection, provided the patent application is drafted, filed, and managed in a manner that best furthers Global Access. If You seek Publication in a peer-reviewed journal, such Publication shall be under "open access" terms and conditions consistent with the Foundation's Open Access Policy available at: www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/General-Information/Open-Access-Policy, which may be modified from time to time. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring Publication in contravention of any applicable ethical, legal, or regulatory requirements. You will mark any Funded Development subject to this clause with the appropriate notice or attribution, including author, date and copyright (e.g., © 20<> <Name>).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REPORTING

During the term of this Agreement and for 5 years after, You will submit upon request annual intellectual property reports relating to the Funded Developments, Background Technology, and any related agreements using the Foundation's templates or forms, which the Foundation may modify from time to time.

SUBGRANTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

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You have the exclusive right to select subgrantees and subcontractors to assist with the Project.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

You will have sole discretion over Your selection of any scholarship and fellowship recipients under this Agreement and must conduct the selection process independently of the Foundation.

TRAVEL STIPENDS AND CONFERENCE FEES

You will have sole discretion over Your selection of any recipients of travel stipends or conference expense reimbursements under this Agreement and must conduct the selection process independently of the Foundation. Foundation trustees and employees are not eligible to receive travel stipends or conference expense reimbursements.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS

You are responsible for (a) all acts and omissions of any of Your trustees, directors, officers, employees, subgrantees, subcontractors, contingent workers, agents, and affiliates assisting with the Project, and (b) ensuring their compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

ANTI-TERRORISM

You will not use funds provided under this Agreement, directly or indirectly, in support of activities (a) prohibited by U.S. laws relating to combating terrorism; (b) with persons on the List of Specially Designated Nationals (www.treasury.gov/sdn) or entities owned or controlled by such persons; or (c) in or with countries or territories against which the U.S. maintains comprehensive sanctions (currently, Cuba, Iran, Syria, North Korea, and the Crimea Region of Ukraine), including paying or reimbursing the expenses of persons from such countries or territories, unless such activities are fully authorized by the U.S. government under applicable law and specifically approved by the Foundation in its sole discretion.

ANTI-CORRUPTION; ANTI-BRIBERY

You will not offer or provide money, gifts, or any other things of value directly or indirectly to anyone in order to improperly influence any act or decision relating to the Foundation or the Project, including by assisting any party to secure an improper advantage. Training and information on compliance with these requirements are available at www.learnfoundationlaw.org.

LOBBYING AND ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITION

You may not use Grant Funds to influence the outcome of any election for public office or to carry on any voter registration drive. You acknowledge that the Foundation has not earmarked Grant Funds to support lobbying activities or to otherwise support attempts to influence legislation. Activities will be conducted consistent with the private foundation lobbying rules and exceptions under Internal Revenue Code Section 4945 and related regulations. You confirm that the Budget (or the combined project budget if there are multiple funders) accurately reflects that You will expend at least the amount of the Grant Funds on (a) non-lobbying activities in the project year, or (b) for multiple year projects, the total non-lobbying portion of the project.

OTHER LOBBYING, GIFT, AND ETHICS RULES

You agree to comply with any national, state, local, or other lobbying, gift, and ethics rules applicable to the Project. The Foundation is not retaining or employing You to engage in lobbying activities.

OTHER

PUBLICITY

A Party may publicly disclose information about the award of this grant, including the other Party's name, the total amount awarded, and a description of the Project, provided that a Party obtains prior written approval before using the other Party's name for promotional purposes or logo for any purpose. Any public disclosure by You or Your subgrantees, subcontractors, contingent workers, agents, or affiliates must be made in accordance with the Foundation's then-current brand guidelines, which are available at: www.gatesfoundation.org/brandguidelines.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

In carrying out the Project, You will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules and will not infringe, misappropriate, or violate the intellectual property, privacy, or publicity rights of any third party.

COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

You will conduct, control, manage, and monitor the Project in compliance with all applicable ethical, legal, regulatory, and safety requirements, including applicable international, national, state, local, institutional, and school district or school network standards ("*Requirements*"). You will obtain and maintain all necessary approvals, consents, and reviews before conducting the applicable activity. As a part of Your annual progress report to the Foundation, You must report whether the Project activities were conducted in compliance with all Requirements.

If the Project involves:

a. any protected information (including personally identifiable, protected health, or third-party confidential), You will not disclose this information to the Foundation without obtaining the Foundation's prior written approval and all necessary consents to disclose such information; and/or

b. children, students, or vulnerable subjects, You will obtain any necessary consents and approvals unique to these subjects.

Any activities by the Foundation in reviewing documents and providing input or funding does not modify Your responsibility for determining and complying with all Requirements for the Project.

RELIANCE

You acknowledge that the Foundation is relying on the information You provide in reports and during the course of any due diligence conducted prior to the Start Date and during the term of this Agreement. You represent that the Foundation may continue to rely on this information and on any additional information You provide regarding activities, progress, and Funded Developments.

TERM AND TERMINATION

TERM

This Agreement commences on the Start Date and continues until the End Date, unless terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement. The Foundation, in its discretion, may approve in writing any request by You for a no-cost extension, including amending the End Date and adjusting any affected reporting requirements.

TERMINATION

The Foundation may modify, suspend, or discontinue any payment of Grant Funds or terminate this Agreement if: (a) the Foundation is not reasonably satisfied with Your progress on the Project; (b) there are significant changes to Your leadership or other factors that the Foundation reasonably believes may threaten the Project's success; (c) there is a change in Your control; (d) there is a change in Your tax status; or (e) You fail to comply with this Agreement.

RETURN OF FUNDS

Any Grant Funds that have not been used for, or committed to, the Project upon expiration or termination of this Agreement must be (a) returned promptly to the Foundation, or (b) applied to another mutually-agreed upon charitable purpose, as directed in writing by the Foundation. Any Income that has not been used for, or committed to, the Project must be applied to another mutually-agreed upon charitable purpose, as directed in writing by the Foundation.

RECORD KEEPING

You will maintain complete and accurate accounting records and copies of any reports submitted to the Foundation relating to the Project. You will retain such records and reports for 4 years after Grant Funds have been fully spent. At the Foundation's request, You will make such records and reports available to enable the Foundation to monitor and evaluate how Grant Funds have been used or committed.

SURVIVAL

A Party's obligations under this Agreement will be continuous and survive expiration or termination of this Agreement as expressly provided in this Agreement or otherwise required by law or intended by their nature.

GENERAL

ENTIRE AGREEMENT, CONFLICTS, AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements concerning its subject matter. If there is a conflict between this Agreement and the Investment Document this Agreement will prevail. Except as specifically permitted in this Agreement, no modification, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement will be effective unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

NOTICES AND APPROVALS

Written notices, requests, and approvals under this Agreement must be delivered by mail or email to the other Party's primary contact specified on the Agreement Summary & Signature Page, or as otherwise directed by the other Party.

SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this Agreement must be interpreted in a way that is enforceable under applicable law. If any provision is held unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement will remain in effect.

ASSIGNMENT

You may not assign, or transfer by operation of law or court order, any of Your rights or obligations under this Agreement without the Foundation's prior written approval. This Agreement will bind and benefit any permitted successors and assigns.

COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Except as may be prohibited by applicable law or regulation, this Agreement and any amendment may be signed in counterparts, by facsimile, PDF, or other electronic means, each of which will be deemed an original and all of which when taken together will constitute one agreement. Facsimile and electronic signatures will be binding for all purposes.