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OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Board of Education

To: Board of Education
From: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent

Subject: **District Submitting Grant Proposal**

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval by the Board of Education of Grant Agreement between the District and S.H. Cowell Foundation, accepting \$180,000.00, to renew a K-8 partnership for leadership and improvement among named schools - New Highland, RISE Elementary, and Elmhurst Community Preparatory - pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof, for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

BACKGROUND:

This grant supports academic achievement by investing in three areas 1) accelerated student achievement in reading and writing through blended learning and targeted goal-setting; 2) increased teacher capacity to implement best practices for literacy instruction and through targeted professional development; and 3) Improved school climate and culture through Restorative Justice and conflict resolution.

File I.D #	Backup Document Included	Type	Recipient	Grant's Purpose	Time Period	Funding Source	Grant Amount
15-2101	Yes	Grant	Oakland Unified School District	Accelerate student achievement; Develop and support high quality instruction; Improve and sustain strong school culture and climate	7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016	S.H. Cowell Foundation	\$180,000.00

DISCUSSION:

The district created a Grant Face sheet process to:

- Review proposed grant projects at OUSD sites and assess their contribution to sustained student achievement
- Identify OUSD resources required for program success

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of grants will be provided to OUSD schools from the funders.

- Grants valued at: \$180,000

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS: Grant face sheet, Grant proposal

OUSD Grants Management Face Sheet

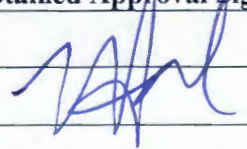

Title of Grant: Building On and Scaling Up: A proposal for a Continued Literacy Corridor in the Highland/Elmhurst Neighborhood	Funding Cycle Dates: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
Grant's Fiscal Agent: (contact's name, address, phone number, email address) OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	Grant Amount for Full Funding Cycle: \$180,000.00
Funding Agency: S.H. Cowell Foundation	Grant Focus: Increase student achievement and opportunities for success for Oakland's most disadvantaged students.
List all School(s) or Department(s) to be Served: New Highland, RISE Elementary School and Elmhurst Community Prep Middle School.	

Information Needed	School or Department Response
How will this grant contribute to sustained student achievement or academic standards?	This grant supports academic achievement by investing in three areas: 1)Accelerated student achievement in reading and writing through blended learning and targeted goal-setting; 2) Increased teacher capacity to implement best practices for literacy instruction through targeted professional development; and 3)Improved school climate and culture through Restorative Justice and conflict resolution
How will this grant be evaluated for impact upon student achievement?	Principal and teacher surveys, evaluations, and planning documents, student assessments and observations; tools and resources development.
Does the grant require any resources from the school(s) or district? If so, describe.	Yes, existing staffing and funding for New Highland, RISE Elementary and Elmhurst Community Prep
Are services being supported by an OUSD funded grant or by a contractor paid through an OUSD contract or MOU?	Yes; Support includes contracts with Mills Teachers Scholars, Higher Ground, and National Equity Project
Will the proposed program take students out of the classroom for any portion of the school day?	No
Who is the contact managing and assuring grant compliance?	Monica Thomas Network Superintendent Network 3, PreK-5

Applicant Obtained Approval Signatures:

Entity	Name/s	Signature/s	Date
Principal	Monica Thomas		
Department Head (e.g. for school day programs or for extended day and student support activities)	Allen Smith		

Grant Office Obtained Approval Signatures:

Entity	Name/s	Signature/s	Date
Fiscal Officer	Vernon Hal		
Superintendent	Antwan Wilson		10/13/15

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of General Counsel

APPROVED FOR FORM & SUBSTANCE

By:  Attorney at Law

S. H. Cowell Foundation
General Requirements of Grant
Oakland Unified School District
Grant #15-01268
APPROVED 8/27/15

This grant has been awarded to **Oakland Unified School District** contingent upon your acceptance of the following requirements. Full compliance will protect your agency, its governing board and the Cowell Foundation (the Foundation). By signing the copy of this document and the award letter you accept each of the following conditions and requirements:

1. Reporting. You are required to submit full and complete reports on the grant project continuing until the work is completed as described in the attached Specific Reporting Requirements. These reports must include both a narrative and financial section. Reports are very important as they provide the basis upon which Cowell Foundation staff determines that use of the grant funds is in conformity with the conditions of the grant as approved by the Cowell Board of Directors.
2. Use of Funds. This grant, and any interest earned from investment of the grant funds, may be used only for the purposes stated in our award letter. Any change in purpose or scope of the project, or any major budget change, must be communicated promptly to the Foundation. If the Foundation does not agree to modify the grant, any funds not expended on the approved project budget must be returned to the Foundation together with the interest earned.
3. Deadlines. Grant conditions which have not been met within the specified time limits may result in cancellation of the grant and a requirement that all unexpended funds, excluding such funds as are necessary to meet non-cancellable obligations that were specifically enumerated in the grant budget, be returned to the Foundation. Contact the Foundation immediately if it appears that a deadline will not be met.
4. Payment of Grants. In the case of all grants that are not payable outright, including multi-payment, multi-year, matching grants and pledges; payment and continued funding are conditioned upon the submission of specific progress reports to the Foundation as described in the attached Specific Reporting Requirements. The contents of the reports will be used by the Foundation staff in the determination whether there is sufficient evidence of progress toward grant objectives and outcomes in order to support each past and future payment. Payments are not automatic and are conditioned upon receipt and approval of the reports.
5. Acknowledgement of Grant. The Foundation does not expect you to incur advertising or public relations expenses in announcing receipt of this grant. However, you may acknowledge the grant publicly, including the use of the Foundation name. Any press release mentioning the Foundation should be submitted to the Foundation for approval *before* distribution.
6. Bookkeeping Procedure. Please show the grant funds separately on your books of account and maintain an accurate record of the funds received and expenses incurred under this grant in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Please keep on file books of account and records relating to this grant for at least four years after the Foundation's receipt of your final report.
7. Tax Status. In accepting this grant you are confirming that your organization is: (i) one that is described in IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) and is not classified as a private foundation; or (ii) a governmental entity or a political subdivision thereof within the meaning of IRC Sections 115 or 170(c)(1); or (iii) a state college or university within the meaning of IRS Code Section 511(a)(2)(B); and that your tax-exempt status, under the foregoing statutes or any successors thereto, remains in full force and effect, having not been revoked,

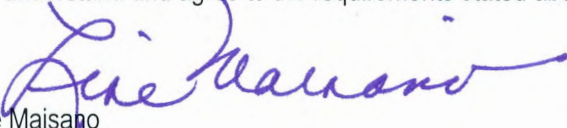
rescinded or modified; and that you will notify us of any change in your organization's tax-exempt status.

8. Lobbying. No part of the grant funds can be used contrary to the law in an attempt to influence legislation [within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code], or to influence the outcome of any specific public election or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive [within the meaning of Section 4945(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code].

9. Evaluation. For the purposes of making any financial audits, verifications or program evaluations, the Cowell Foundation requires reasonable access to your files, records, and personnel.

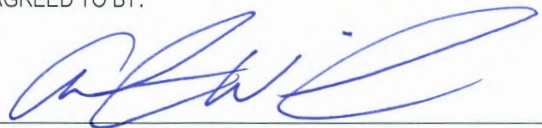
10. Violations of Conditions. Any violation of the conditions set forth above will require a return to the Cowell Foundation of any grant funds involved in the violation. The Cowell Foundation reserves the right to discontinue, modify or withhold any payments due under this grant award or to require a refund of any grant funds if, in its judgment, such action is necessary to comply with the requirements of any law or regulation affecting the Foundation's responsibilities under this grant award.

Please countersign and return the attached copy of this document to the Cowell Foundation signifying that you understand and agree to the requirements stated above.


Lise Maisano
Vice President Grant Programs


James Harris
President, Board of Education

SIGNED AND AGREED TO BY:


Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Date

10/12/15

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S.H. Cowell Foundation

August 28, 2015

Mr. Antwan Wilson
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District
1000 Broadway, Suite 680
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Grant #15-01268

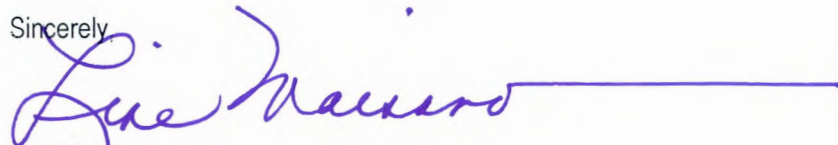
Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am very pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors considered the District's proposal and approved an outright \$180,000 place-based grant to Oakland Unified School District to renew a K-8 partnership for leadership and improvement among East Oakland schools. A check for \$180,000 is enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies of this letter and of the General and Specific Reporting Requirements. These documents outline the terms of the grant; please read them carefully. One copy of each document requires your signature to acknowledge your receipt of the check and your acceptance of the grant terms. You may return the signed copies by mail or you may submit them electronically through the Foundation's online grantee portal. We will send an email to Network Superintendent Monica Thomas, our working contact for this grant, with instructions for using the portal. Please retain one signed copy of each document for your files.

The first progress report on the grant is due January 31, 2016. In the meantime, if you have questions about the grant or the reporting requirements, please contact Program Director Ken Doane.

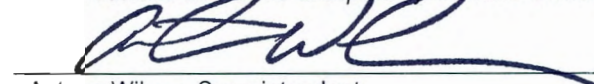
Sincerely,



Lise Maisano
Vice President Grant Programs

LM:aml/enclosures
cc: Monica Thomas, Network Superintendent

Check received and terms accepted by Oakland Unified School District:



Antwan Wilson, Superintendent

9-25-15
Date