**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

**Application process:**

* RFP’s can be searched here: <https://usprogram.gatesfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-opportunities>
* There are no “open” or “upcoming” RFPs listed as of April 4, 2023
* Past RFP’s have focused on research and/or large scalable projects.

**Foundation’s Mission**

*The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation United States Program works with local leaders & organizations to create a world where every person has the chance to live a healthy and productive life.*

Vertus aligns with the Gates Foundation’s mission above, in that it has created an education model for young men of color to succeed in high school and beyond.

**Gates Foundation Programs**

High School Math Program – focus is on math for Black and Latinx students in high school

https://usprogram.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/K-12-Education

“We will work with US school districts to help implement the practices, protocols, and system changes most essential for supporting strong math instruction for all students.”

This could be a fit for Vertus, especially if you partner with other school throughout the region/state.

Public Charter Schools – although there is no formal program listed on their website, the attached fact sheet (with my yellow highlights) shows their focus to be on student with disabilities:

“We are working to connect groups of schools that share a focus on data-driven, ongoing learning and to support them in applying approaches that both meet their specific needs and have demonstrated improvement in student achievement.”

“The next phase of our investments within the charter sector will work to increase the number of high-quality seats, improve student outcomes and encourage collaboration between traditional public schools and public charter schools. **Our new work will focus on what is needed to support schools in improving outcomes for their students with disabilities.”**