



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS

Department

Business & Finance Division

Board Meeting Date

June 26, 2025

Background

Tacoma Public Schools pursues and manages competitive and formula-driven grant funding from federal, state, local government, non-profit, and private funding sources to fuel our innovative programs. Additionally, the District may accept gifts or donations in support of school programs and activities. Board Policies 2104, 6114, and 6130 guide the acceptance of grants and gifts. As required by Board Policy 2104, Board approval of acceptance is requested for the following grants, gifts, or donations valued at \$50,000 or greater.

Current Consideration

Approval of acceptance is requested for grants, gifts, and donations detailed in the attached report.

Fiscal Implication

Request for acceptance of funds and resources provided by external partners provides transparency for the Board of Directors regarding the District's financial responsibilities and ensures appropriate oversight and alignment with the District's programs and goals. This standard consent agenda action item satisfies Board Policy requirements.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the included grants, gifts, or donations, and approve the expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

Strategic Benchmark

Goal 2: Partnerships

Approved By

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina

Tacoma Public Schools | Grants Office

Approval of Acceptance Request Grants, Gifts, and Donations for Current Consideration

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Funder	Award Title	Description	Value	Indirect Cost %	Cost Share	Duration*	Department	Administrator
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title I, A: Closing Educational Achievement Gaps	To provide customized instruction, curricula, and supports that help students meet academic standards at schools with identified need	\$10,158,444 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	Title I and Support Programs	Taj Jensen
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title I, Part D, Subpart 1: State Facilities	To support prevention, intervention, and support services for children and youth who are involved in the justice system	\$111,151 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	K-12 Support	Renee Froembling & Adam Kulaas
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title I, Part D, Subpart 2: Local Facilities	To support prevention, intervention, and support services for children and youth who are involved in the justice system	\$87,545 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	K-12 Support	Renee Froembling & Adam Kulaas
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Educators	To support the success of all students by improving the quality and effectiveness of teachers and school leaders	\$1,015,909 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	Teaching & Learning	Zeek Edmond
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title III, A: English Language Learners	To support services that assist multilingual learners in attaining English proficiency and high levels of academic achievement	\$431,916 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	Multilingual Education	Damaris Perez Mestre

Funder	Award Title	Description	Value	Indirect Cost %	Cost Share	Duration*	Department	Administrator
WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	Title IV, A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment	To provide students with a well-rounded education, improve school conditions for student learning, and increase the effective use of technology	\$750,108 (preliminary)	2.43%	No	7/1/25 – 8/31/26	Teaching & Learning	Zeek Edmond

*Due to routine irregularity in timing between the availability of a complete award agreement and the start date on which funded activities may begin, award duration may commence prior to Board approval of acceptance. To ensure appropriate responsiveness to funder and funded project timeline requirements, the District may find it necessary to execute an award agreement prior to receipt of Board approval of acceptance. In such instances, the Board maintains the right to deny acceptance. Should the Board approve acceptance with conditions, the Grants Office will collaborate with the funder to realize revised, mutually agreeable terms. Should the Board deny acceptance in full, the Grants Office will terminate the award agreement while collaborating with the funder and affected stakeholders to minimize impacts.