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March 9, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and The Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Education to accept and expend funds from the French American Cultural Exchange (F.A.C.E. Foundation), in the amount of \$5,000, for the purpose of exploring the expansion of French dual language programs in New Hampshire, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022. 100% Private Funds.

Funds to be budgeted as follows:

French Immersion Grant Account: 06-56-56-563510-30240000

Class	Description	FY2022
<u>Income</u> 005-407991	Private Local Funds	\$(5,000)
Expenditures 102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$5,000

EXPLANATION

The Department of Education requests authorization to accept and expend a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 from the F.A.C.E. Foundation to support the project titled "Our Heritage, Our Future: French Language Immersion in New Hampshire". The purpose of this project is to identify and review dual language French programs in nearby states, and conduct a feasibility study for developing and expanding French dual language programs in New Hampshire.

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Research shows that dual language learning can benefit students, communities, and parents. Some of these benefits are; increased level of academic achievement for students enrolled in the programs, improved cultural awareness and appreciation of our diverse communities, and boosted social and emotional well-being in and out of the classroom.

The Department of Education will assist with the administration of this grant by collaborating with Plymouth State University (PSU) by leveraging our existing contacts with communities, using existing resources to grant out funds ensuring compliance requirements are implemented in line with the grant award and Uniform Grant Guidance.

The following appropriation authorities are being requested:

Class 102	Contracts for Program Services	Appropriation needed to pay contract to conduct feasibility study
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The Department has conducted a detailed review of these line items in the budget to ensure that available funds are maximized to the greatest degree possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Edelblut

Commissioner of Education



FACE Foundation French Dual Language Fund

Grant Award Agreement

BETWEEN

FACE Foundation, 972 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10075, represented by Mr. Laurent Auffret, Executive Director, hereafter referred to as "FACE".

AND

New Hampshire Department of Education

represented by Franck Edelblut, hereafter referred to as "The Grantee",

- Whereas the statutes of the French Dual Language Fund, approved by FACE's Board of Trustees on October 4, 2015,
- Whereas the request for a French Dual Language Fund grant for the project entitled "Our Heritage, Our Future: French Language Immersion in New Hampshire"
- Whereas the decisions made at the meeting of the French Dual Language Fund Advisory Committee on 25 June, 2021.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: GRANT

Based on the French Dual Language Fund Advisory Committee's decision, FACE will confer The Grantee a payment in the amount of \$5,000 for the project "Our Heritage, Our Future: French Language Immersion in New Hampshire"

It is the intention of the French Dual Language Fund that funds be used exclusively for "Our Heritage, Our Future: French Language Immersion in New Hampshire"

Article 2: PAYMENT

A check or wire payment corresponding to the amount cited in Article 1 will be issued to **The Grantee** by **FACE** once the present agreement has been signed and according to the dates of the project, at the latest one month before the project begins.

Article 3: COMMUNICATION

The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the French Dual Language Fund as follows:

[supported by.] The French Dual Language Fund, a program of the FACE Foundation in partnership with the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States.

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Article 4: FINAL REPORT

Within one month after the completion of the program, The Grantee agrees to provide FACE with:

- A detailed accounting for the expenses directly related to the grant, as well as a complete budget for the entire project.
- A final report on the project indicating the number of participants and the resulting outcomes.
- Programs, press releases and press reviews, as well as any additional materials.

Article 5: RESOURCES SHARING

Should new pedagogical resources be created and/or translated as part of the supported project, agrees to be solicited to share these resources and pedagogical material amongst the network of French DLI public schools in the United States on dedicated websites.

Article 6: PROJECT CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

Should the project be cancelled, **The Grantee** agrees to notify **FACE** within one week of the cancellation and to return any remaining or uncommitted funds within 45 days of the date of cancellation.

Should the project be postponed for more than 12 months, or, should there be changes in its basic components (materials, programs, etc.), or should lack of funds prevent the project from being completed, this information is to be communicated immediately to the Program Director of the Fund in writing. Distribution of the grant will be contingent on the Selection Committee's approval of the changes.

Article 7: LEGISLATION

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

For The Grantee
New Hampshire Department of Education
Franck Edelblut
Commissioner of Education

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For
FACE Foundation
Laurent Auffret, Executive Director

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