

The Golden LEAF Foundation

GRANTEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

1. Grantee: Edenton-Chowan Board of Education
2. Project File Number & Title: FY2013-142 / 1:1 Learning Initiative
3. Purpose of Grant: The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to Edenton-Chowan Schools for a 1:1 Learning Initiative that will provide a computing device for every student in grades 6-12. The project will address digital divide issues and assist with efforts to increase instructional rigor and implement the new Common Core/Essential Standards Curriculum. The overall goals of the 1:1 Learning Initiative are to improve instructional practices through the effective use of technology; raise student academic achievement, increase graduation rates, and better prepare students for work or college after graduation. Golden LEAF funds will be used for the purchase of computing devices, software, a learning management system platform, wireless system upgrades and professional development.
4. Amount of Grant: \$827,500.00
5. Award Date: 4/4/2013 Start Date: _____
6. Special Terms and Conditions Applicable to Grant:
 - a) The term of the grant is 24 months, commencing on the Start Date proposed by the Grantee and accepted by Golden LEAF or, if Grantee does not propose a Start Date, commencing on the Award Date. All project-related expenses must be incurred during the term of the grant.
 - b) Prior to release of funds, Grantee must submit a revised budget for review and approval.
 - c) Prior to release of funds, Grantee must submit a sustainability plan for review and approval.
 - d) Prior to release of funds, Grantee must submit evidence of commitment of other funds sufficient to complete the project.
 - e) Prior to the release of funds the Grantee agrees to submit a Project Management Plan for approval by Golden LEAF, the Technology Director of DPI or regional technology representative, and others that Golden LEAF may designate.
 - f) Grantee agrees to work with GLF staff and its designated partners/consultants in implementing the project.
 - g) Prior to release of funds, Grantee agrees to provide evidence that the Board of Education supports the project and is committed to sustaining the initiative and that certified ITF position(s) will be available at participating schools.
 - h) Grantee agrees to use funds in accordance with charitable, tax-exempt purposes as defined by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that it will not use the funds from this grant or proceeds from the project in any way that would result in or give rise to private inurement or impermissible private benefit.
 - i) Budget modifications must be submitted to Golden LEAF for approval prior to expending funds on modified budget lines.
 - j) Grantee agrees to comply with all relevant statutes, established guidelines, policies or best practice procedures for competitive bidding of project work or purchase of equipment.
7. Standard conditions on the release of grant funds:
 - a) Release of grant funds is contingent on Grantee attending a Golden LEAF grants management workshop or satisfactory consultation with Golden LEAF staff to gain training in management of Golden LEAF grants and reporting requirements.

- b) For non-governmental grantees, release of funds is contingent on Grantee providing the Foundation with a copy of the Grantee's policy regarding conflicts of interest with evidence that the policy has been adopted by the Grantee's board of directors.
 - c) Release of funds is contingent on Grantee returning a fully executed original of this Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement no later than three months after the Award Date set forth in Section 5, above, unless the Foundation agrees to extend the deadline for its submission.
 - d) Prior to the release of funds, Grantee must submit for approval by Golden LEAF a project management plan and project budget. Unless otherwise approved, the project management plan and budget must be submitted on Golden LEAF forms. The project management plan will identify key activities and milestones that are critical to successful implementation of the grant, persons responsible for implementing identified tasks, deadlines for each activity and milestone, and an overall project time line. It will also include an evaluation plan. In projects that involve job creation, workforce training and other work where outcomes are expected to be achieved after the grant term has ended, the project management plan may require the Grantee to report results and accomplishments to Golden LEAF for a period of at least 3 years beyond the grant term.
 - e) If the Grantee fails to comply with its obligations under this Agreement, no further grant funds will be released unless such noncompliance is resolved to the satisfaction of Golden LEAF.
8. Confirmation of Eligibility/Permissible use of Funds: The Grantee confirms: (1) that the Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Grantee is an organization described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that such determination has not been revoked, or (2) that the Grantee is a federal, state or local governmental unit. Grantee agrees to notify the Foundation promptly if the Grantee's tax-exempt status is revoked or modified in any way. It agrees that it will use the funds from this grant only for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and that it will not use the funds from this grant in any way that would result in or give rise to private inurement or impermissible private benefit. The Grantee agrees that no funds from this grant will be used to carry on propaganda or otherwise to attempt to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of any public election, or to carry on directly or indirectly any voter registration drive. The Grantee agrees that it will not use any of these grant funds to make any expenditure or grant that does not comply with the requirements of Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Code or to undertake any activity for any purpose other than one specified in Section 170(c)(1) or Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Code. Unless otherwise agreed by the Foundation in writing, no portion of the Grantee's rights or obligations under this Agreement may be transferred or assigned to any other entity.
9. Compliance with laws/liens: The Grantee is in material compliance with all federal, state, county, and local laws, regulations, and orders that are applicable to the Grantee, and the Grantee has timely filed with the proper governmental authorities all statements and reports required by the laws, regulations, and orders to which the Grantee is subject. There is no litigation, claim, action, suit, proceeding or governmental investigation pending against the Grantee, and there is no pending or (to the Grantee's knowledge) threatened litigation, claim, action, suit, proceeding or governmental investigation against the Grantee that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the Grantee's ability to carry out this grant in accordance with its terms. The Grantee has timely paid all judgments, claims, and federal, state, and local taxes payable by the Grantee the non-payment of which might result in a lien on any of the Grantee's assets or might otherwise adversely affect the Grantee's ability to carry out this grant in accordance with its terms.
10. Project and budget modification: The Grantee agrees to immediately notify the Foundation of anything that may materially affect the Grantee's ability to perform the project funded. **If the Grantee proposes to modify the budget, the objectives, or any other feature of the project funded, the Grantee shall not encumber or expend any funds from this grant for such purposes unless and until the Foundation has approved such proposed modifications in writing.** Moreover, no further payments shall be made to the Grantee in connection with the project funded unless and until the Foundation has approved such proposed modifications in writing.

11. Use of grant funds/rescission and termination of grants: The Grantee accepts and will retain full control of the disposition of funds awarded to the Grantee by the Foundation under this grant, and accepts and will retain full responsibility for compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant. Grant funds shall be utilized exclusively for the purposes set forth above. If the Grantee breaches any of the covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, uses grant funds for purposes other than those set out above, or any of the representations and warranties made by the Grantee are untrue as to a material fact, the Grantee agrees to repay to the Foundation the full amount of this grant. Any condition, purpose, term or provision in the Foundation's resolution approving funding or in this Agreement shall take precedence over any conflicting provision in the Grantee's application.

The Grantee acknowledges receipt of the following policy regarding termination and rescission of grants, which is intended to supplement but not replace or limit the rights and remedies of the Foundation set forth elsewhere in this Agreement. The Grantee acknowledges that the Foundation may, from time to time, amend its policy regarding termination and rescission of grants, and the Grantee acknowledges that the Grantee will be subject to the policy as amended.

Policy Regarding Rescission and Termination of Grants. Rescission of a grant revokes the grant award. When funds have been disbursed to a Grantee by the Foundation and a grant is rescinded, the Grantee may be liable for repayment to the Foundation for an amount up to the total of grant funds received by the Grantee. Termination of a grant ends the grant on a going-forward basis, and the Grantee is responsible for repayment to the Foundation of only that portion of the grant funds that has been disbursed but not expended by the Grantee in accordance with the terms of the grant.

A grant may be rescinded or terminated at any time in the discretion of the Foundation for the Grantee's failure to comply with its obligations under this Agreement or if any of the Grantee's representations and warranties in this Agreement are or become untrue as to a material fact. Reasons for rescission or termination of a grant include but are not limited to the following:

- a. The Grantee has not signed and delivered to the Foundation the Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement within three (3) months of the Award Date set out in Section 5, above.
- b. The Grantee has failed to complete the project within the grant term established by this Agreement or any extensions thereof.
- c. The Grantee's tax-exempt status has been modified or revoked.
- d. The Grantee is unable, or has failed or refused, to comply with a material term or condition of the grant.
- e. The Grantee has experienced a change in circumstances that is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the Grantee's ability to accomplish fully the purposes of the grant (e.g., loss of collateral funding, loss of key personnel, etc.).
- f. The Grantee has failed or refused to submit a report, statement, accounting or return required by this Agreement or applicable law.
- g. The Grantee has materially modified its budget for the project, and such material modification has not been approved by the Foundation.
- h. The Grantee commits a material violation of the Internal Revenue Code, or uses grant funds for some purpose not permitted by the Internal Revenue Code or for some purpose not contemplated by the grant.
- i. The Grantee breaches any of the covenants or agreements contained in this Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement.
- j. The Grantee requests that the grant be rescinded or terminated.

It is anticipated that a grant will be rescinded in situations in which no grant funds have been disbursed. Where grant funds have been disbursed, it is anticipated that a grant will be rescinded in the case of more serious violations (including, without limitation, use of grant funds for some purpose not contemplated by the grant or in violation of the Internal Revenue Code, or upon other affirmative misconduct of the Grantee), and that

termination of a grant will occur in the case of the less serious instances of non-compliance or where the circumstance giving rise to termination is not the result of misconduct of the Grantee.

If the Board of Directors of the Foundation determines that a grant should be rescinded or terminated, the Foundation will notify the Grantee of that decision. The Foundation may choose to notify the Grantee that the grant is subject to rescission or termination unless the Grantee remedies the noncompliance and establish deadlines or other limitations on the Grantee's opportunity to remedy the noncompliance. If the Foundation allows the Grantee the opportunity to correct the noncompliance, no further grant funds shall be advanced until the noncompliance is remedied.

12. **Release of Funds:** Unless otherwise agreed by the Foundation, up to twenty percent (20%) of funds may be released in advance after all conditions on the release of funds are satisfied. Funds may be released in additional advances of up to twenty percent (20%) of the grant amount upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Foundation that funds previously released have been properly expended and accounted for. Funds may instead be released on a reimbursement basis, in which case payments may be made in an amount equal to or up to eighty percent (80%) of the grant amount upon receipt of evidence satisfactory to the Foundation that funds have been properly expended and accounted for. Unless otherwise approved by the President of the Foundation, a sum equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of the grant will be retained by the Foundation until the Grantee completes its obligations under this grant, including submission of a satisfactory final report on the project funded. This final twenty percent (20%) retained by the Foundation shall be paid to the Grantee on a reimbursement basis. If the grant is conditional or contingent, all conditions and contingencies must be met before any payment will be made. Sales and use taxes for which the Grantee will be reimbursed from the NC Department of Revenue are not eligible Golden LEAF expenses. Each request for payment shall be in writing and shall certify that the Grantee has performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of its Grantee Acknowledgment and Agreement, and that such Grantee is entitled under the terms of such Agreement to receive the amount so requested. Each request should be made to Mr. Dan Gerlach, President, The Golden LEAF Foundation, 301 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Payment should not be requested until the Grantee has need for actual expenditures of the funds. The Grantee should request payment at least thirty (30) days prior to its desired payment date.
13. **Reporting:** The Grantee agrees to submit a Progress Report to the Foundation biannually, to be received by the Foundation six months from the date of award and every six months thereafter. The Grantee agrees to submit a final Progress Report for receipt by the Foundation within sixty (60) days after the completion of all obligations for the project funded or the end date, whichever comes first. Report forms may be found on the Foundation's website, www.goldenleaf.org. The Grantee will furnish additional or further reports if so requested by the Foundation on forms prescribed by the Foundation.
14. **Records:** The Grantee agrees to maintain full, accurate and verifiable financial records, supporting documents, and all other pertinent data for the project funded in such a manner so as to identify and document clearly the activities and outcomes of the project funded and the expenditure of Foundation funds. Financial records regarding the Foundation's grant shall be kept separate from accounts for other awards, monetary contributions, or other revenue sources for the project funded. The Grantee agrees to retain all financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, and all other pertinent records related to the project funded for a period of five (5) years from the end of the grant funding period. In the event such records are audited, all project records shall be retained beyond such five-year period until all audit findings have been resolved. The Grantee shall provide to the Foundation copies of all financial and other records requested by the Foundation and shall make available to the Foundation, or the Foundation's designated representative, all of the Grantee's records that relate to the project funded, and shall allow the Foundation or the Foundation's representative to audit, examine and copy any data, documents, proceedings, records and notes of activity relating to the project. Access to these records shall be allowed upon request at any time during normal business hours and as often as the Foundation or its representative may deem necessary. The Grantee may be subject to audit by the State Auditor.

15. This Section 15 is applicable if the following blank is marked: _____ Staff Initials & date: _____

Intellectual property/New Developments: In consideration of its receipt of funds granted by the Foundation, the Grantee agrees that during the course of the project funded by the grant, the Grantee, and any recipient of grant funds, will promptly disclose to the Foundation any improvements, inventions, developments, discoveries, innovations, systems, techniques, ideas, processes, programs, and other things, whether patentable or unpatentable, that result from any work performed by or for the Grantee in connection with the project funded, or by individuals whose work is funded by the grant (the "New Developments"). If the Grantee provides to the Foundation a copy of any Invention Disclosure Reports it receives from Grantee employees that report making inventions under this Agreement, then the Grantee will be deemed to have satisfied the disclosure requirement in the preceding sentence.

The Grantee agrees that it, and any recipient of grant funds, shall take all reasonably appropriate actions to assure that the New Developments shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Grantee. In the event that the interests of the public would be served by commercialization of the New Developments, the Grantee agrees to use its best reasonable efforts to pursue the commercialization of any such New Developments in a manner that will serve the interests of the public, including but not limited to the transfer, assignment or licensing of such New Developments; provided, however, that the Grantee, and any recipient of grant funds, shall not transfer, assign or license such New Developments in part or in whole without first having obtained the written consent of the Foundation.

Any revenue generated as a result of transferring, assigning, or licensing New Developments will be managed by the Grantee in accordance with its published patent, copyright and technology transfer procedures, if any, and in the absence of such procedures such revenue will be managed by the Grantee in accordance with procedures approved by the Foundation. Such procedures typically will prioritize the distribution of revenues to insure that the Grantee first honors its obligation to its inventors and then to cover its own out-of-pocket expenses as necessary to protect its intellectual property.

The Grantee and Foundation further agree that should there be any revenue generated greater than that necessary to meet the obligations of the preceding paragraph ("Net Revenue"), the Net Revenue shall be managed by the Grantee as follows:

- a) 15% of the Net Revenue will be retained by the Grantee as a fee for the management and distribution of funds as required under this Agreement.
- b) 30% of the remaining Net Revenue will be paid to the Foundation.
- c) 70% of the remaining Net Revenue will be retained by the Grantee and used in accordance with the procedures referenced in the preceding paragraph above.

The Grantee's obligations pursuant to this Section will continue beyond the expiration of the funding period.

16. Independent entity: The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Grantee is an entity independent from the Foundation, is not an agent of the Foundation, and is not authorized to bind the Foundation to any agreement of payment for goods or services. The Grantee is responsible for payment of all its expenses, including rent, office expenses and all forms of compensation to employees. It shall provide workers compensation insurance to the extent required for its operations and shall accept full responsibility for payments of unemployment compensation, social security, income taxes and any other charges, taxes or payroll deductions required by law in connection with its operations, for itself and its employees. All expenses incurred by the Grantee are the sole responsibility of the Grantee, and the Foundation shall not be liable for the payment of any obligations incurred in the performance of the project funded.

17. Non-discrimination: The Grantee shall not discriminate by reason of age, race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, national origin, or handicap related to the activities of a project funded by the Foundation.
18. Publicity: All publicity and printed materials regarding projects or activities supported in whole or in part by this grant should contain the following language: **"This project received support from The Golden LEAF Foundation."** The Golden LEAF logo is to be displayed in all of the Grantee's publicity and printed materials relating to this grant. Please contact Jenny Tinklepaugh (jtinklepaugh@goldenleaf.org) for digital versions of the logo.
19. Authority to execute: The individual signing below certifies his or her authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Grantee. By executing this Agreement, the Grantee, to induce the Foundation to make this grant, makes each of the representations set forth hereinabove and certifies that each of such representations is true, accurate and complete as of the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantee has executed this Agreement this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Name of Grantee Organization (print): _____

Signature: _____

Name of Person Signing (print): _____

Title of Person Signing (print): _____

Date: _____