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MEDIA RELEASE

Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools Receives Grant for Hmong Programs, will Launch Crowdfunding to Encourage Matching Contributions

The Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools has been awarded a \$40,000 one-time grant from the California Wellness Foundation that will be used to establish a cultural exchange program for staff and students in the district's Hmong programs. The funds will allow for additional culturally enriching opportunities such as a trip overseas. Fresno Unified offers a [Hmong preschool-grade 12 dual language immersion pathway](#) with programs at Vang Pao and Balderas elementary schools, Sequoia Middle School and Roosevelt High School. Fresno Unified also offers Hmong heritage classes for high school students. The grant will be used to support educators and broaden experiences for students.

The Foundation for Fresno Unified Schools is also hosting an Adopt-a-Project crowdfunding platform seeking donations to match the California Wellness Foundation grant. [Adopt-a-Project Giving Link](#)

Wendy McCulley, executive director of the foundation stated, "Through the grant awarded to the Hmong dual language immersion program for cultural exchange, we aim to foster understanding and celebrate diversity, empowering students to excel academically while embracing their cultural heritage."

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