

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-07**

### **APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES CREDIT ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA #84.354A) AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 TO UNIVERSITY PARK AND WATTS LLC ON BEHALF OF NEW DESIGNS CHARTER SCHOOL AND NEW DESIGNS CHARTER SCHOOL - WATTS**

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the State of California, the California School Finance Authority (Authority) applied for and was awarded a \$10,000,000 grant through the United States Department of Education (Department) entitled the Charter Finance Enhancement (Charter FinE) Program (CFDA # 84.354A); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority will award and administer Charter FinE funds for the benefit of California charter school awardees to fund the primary debt service reserve requirement for debt issued by or through the Authority for an awardee to acquire, renovate, and/or construct school facilities, or refinance existing charter school facility debt to reduce overall borrowing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, University Park and Watts LLC, requested an award under Charter FinE on behalf of New Designs Charter School and New Designs Charter School - Watts, and the application was deemed eligible for a Charter FinE award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority will allocate funds to University Park and Watts LLC for the benefit of New Designs Charter School and New Designs Charter School – Watts, for a total allocation amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 or the amount necessary to fund the debt service reserve fund, whichever is less.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the California School Finance Authority as follows.

**Section 1.** University Park and Watts LLC (Awardee) on behalf of New Designs Charter School and New Designs Charter School - Watts, is hereby awarded Credit Enhancement benefit under the Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Grant Program (California Code of Regulations, title 4, §10192 et seq.) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 on the conditions set forth above, and subject to Section 3 herein. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to do all things that they may deem necessary or advisable to assist the Awardee with the completion of a transaction, including providing assistance and cooperation in the credit rating process and making a request to the Authority for the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds as may be needed to implement this resolution.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director of the Authority is further authorized to take the following actions: 1) take all steps necessary with respect to the Awardee including notifying the Awardee whether its Application has been approved for funding, preparing and executing the final form of the Program Agreement, and disbursing funds pursuant to the Program Agreement and the Authority's regulations; 2) approve changes to the Project when necessary and authorized under the Authority's regulations (provided that the amount of the credit enhancement award may not be increased above the amount approved by the Authority); 3) draw money from the Authority's Fund, not to exceed the amount approved by the Authority for the benefit of the Awardee; 4) execute and deliver to the Awardee any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer of funds; and 5) undertake any and all actions and to execute and deliver any and all documents that the Executive Director deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this resolution approved by the Authority.

**Section 3.** Nothing in this resolution constitutes an agreement or commitment on the part of the Authority to issue conduit bonds for the benefit of the Awardee.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Section 5.** This resolution is repealed six months after the adoption date. Any extensions must be approved by the Authority.

Date of Adoption: March 28, 2024

CERTIFICATE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
(Attesting to Action of the Authority)  
Sacramento, California

I, Katrina Johantgen, Executive Director of the California School Finance Authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 24-07 of the California School Finance Authority authorizing the credit enhancement award under the Charter Finance Enhancement (Charter FinE) Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the benefit of University Park and Watts LLC on behalf of New Designs Charter School and New Designs Charter School - Watts, as adopted at a meeting of the California School Finance Authority held at 901 P St. Room 102, Sacramento, California, 95814, on March 28, 2024, for which meeting all of the members of the Authority had due notice; and that at the meeting the staff recommendation was adopted by the following votes:

AYES: Khaim Morton, designee for State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA  
Juan Mireles, designee for Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Tony Thurmond  
Chris Ferguson, designee for Director of Finance  
Joe Stephenshaw

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

ABSENT:

This resolution expires six months after the adoption date. Any extensions must be approved by the Authority.

I further certify that the original minutes of said meeting and a copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting are on file in the California School Finance Authority office; and that the resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded in any manner since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate and affixed the seal of the California School Finance Authority hereto.

(seal)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Katrina Johantgen, Executive Director

March 28, 2024