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I couldn't remember if I told you—we were awarded the grant again. 😊

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Dear Mrs. Hollingsworth:

Congratulations! On behalf of the National Security Agency (NSA) and the National Foreign Language Center (NFLC) at the University of Maryland, I am very pleased to inform you that the proposal from your organization, HEB ISD: STARTALK-HEB ISD-Made for This, has been selected for funding as part of the STARTALK 2020 Program. The amount of your award will be \$90,000. You will receive your grant paperwork directly from NSA pending government funding.

#### **Award Requirements**

Integrating Proposal Feedback: Proposal reviewers and the STARTALK team identified requirements that must be implemented for your 2020 program. Acceptance of the award signals that your program is willing to implement the following:

- Ensure that returning students continue to study the language they have studied in previous STARTALK programs.
- For students already studying a language during the school year, they should continue with that language in order to meet the goals of STARTALK.

Proceeding with the grant process indicates that you accept the requirements outlined above. STARTALK requires that you discuss the proposal feedback with your team leader prior to developing your curriculum.

Participating in Research and Data Collection: STARTALK Central maintains a database on funded programs for use in research and planning. You will be required to support the gathering of these data from your participants via web-based surveys. Please check with your institution on specific procedures and regulations for obtaining permissions and

authorizations for data-gathering.

**For Programs Offering Chinese:** In accordance with the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, NSA requires that you complete the attached Statement of Non-Affiliation with the Confucius Institute before your grant can be awarded. Once the Statement is signed and dated, it must be submitted (via email) to [STARTALKgrants@nsa.gov](mailto:STARTALKgrants@nsa.gov) **NO LATER THAN February 28, 2020.**

#### **Award Process**

Program Support and Resources: There are many resources that will help you to navigate the critical steps of implementing your 2020 program. Most importantly, we will assign a team leader to you who has experience in working with curriculum design and learning plans. Your team leader will contact you within the next two months and will work with you to address the award requirements listed above.

Award Funds and Authorization to Spend: It is important to note that you may not begin spending on this award until it becomes official. This entails receiving the grant documents from NSA, returning a signed copy of the agreement to NSA, and receiving a counter-signed copy from NSA. The date that the agreement is countersigned by NSA is your official start date. **Expenses incurred prior to the start date will not be eligible for reimbursement.** The period of performance for your grant is the date that it is countersigned by NSA through March 31, 2021; all work on this grant must be completed prior to that date.

Future Communications: Your program director will receive several important communications from STARTALK Central, beginning next week; please be sure that the email for the program director copied below is correct. If it is not, please notify us at [startalk@umd.edu](mailto:startalk@umd.edu).

Once again, congratulations. We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful STARTALK program.

Best regards,



Betsy Hart  
Lead Director  
Director of Programs

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