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Attachment 4

# Nonclassroom-Based Funding Determination Request

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This document presents the determination of funding request from Maidu Virtual Charter Academy (Charter #1976). Information from the school has been exported from the web-based Funding Determination Form found on the [Nonclassroom-Based Determination of Funding web page](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ch/nclrbifunddet.asp#form).

Responses from the school have been provided, as is, and have not been edited by the California Department of Education (CDE) for capitalization, punctuation, or spelling.

## Maidu Virtual Charter Academy Determination of Funding Request 2024–25

### Section 1. General Information

Charter School Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Charter School Name | Maidu Virtual Charter Academy |
| Charter School Authorizer | Placer Union High |
| Charter School Number | 1976 |
| County District School (CDS) Code | 31-66894-0138081 |
| Street Address | 332 Finley Street |
| City | Auburn |
| County | Placer |
| ZIP Code | 95603 |
| Grade Levels Served | 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| Date Charter Expires | 6/30/2026 |
| Contact First Name | Erin |
| Contact Last Name | Davenport |
| Contact Title | Principal |
| Contact Phone Number | 530-367-5244 |
| Contact Email Address | edavenport@puhsd.k12.ca.us |

Funding Determination Request Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this a reconsideration request? | No, this is not a reconsideration request. |
| Requested Funding Level | 100% |
| Beginning Period Requested | FY 2025–26 |
| Number of Years Requested | 3 |
| Source Data | FY 2023–24 Audit |
| If the source data used was “Other”, provide a description. | [No Response] |

### Section 2. Financial Information

#### A. Total Resources

Revenues and Other Resources

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Federal Revenues[[1]](#footnote-1) | $23,215 |
| Public Charter School Grant Program Funds (separately identified) | $0 |
| State Revenues[[2]](#footnote-2) | $1,725,207 |
| In-Lieu Property Taxes (separately identified) | $1,118,467 |
| Local Revenues | $9,937 |
| Other Financing Sources | $0 |
| **Total Revenues** | **$1,758,359** |

**If Other Financing Sources were reported, provide a description:**

[No Response]

#### B. Total Expenditures and Other Uses

Instruction and Related Services

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $1,185,656 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $27,918 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $4,984 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Services | $8,035 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: Contracts for Instructional Support | $102 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs: All Other Instruction-Related Operating Costs | $16,549 |
| **Total Instruction and Related Services** | **$1,243,244** |

Operations and Facilities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $0 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $0 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $0 |
| Services and Other Operating Costs | $11,466 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | $0 |
| **Total Operations and Facilities** | **$11,466** |

Allowable Facilities Costs

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total facility square footage occupied by the charter school | 0 |
| Enter total classroom-based P-2 ADA reported in the prior fiscal year. Do not include nonclassroom-based ADA. | 0 |
| Enter total student hours attended by nonclassroom-based pupils at the school site in the prior fiscal year. | 0 |
| Calculated Facilities Costs | $0 |
| **Allowable Facilities Costs** | **$0** |

Administration and All Other Activities

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Certificated Salaries and Benefits | $170,636 |
| Classified Salaries and Benefits | $104,396 |
| Books, Supplies, and Equipment | $3,747 |
| Contracts for Other Administrative Services | $3,935 |
| Supervisorial Oversight Fee | $45,992 |
| All Other Administration and Other Activities, Services, and Operating Costs | $1,394 |
| **Total Administration and Other Activities** | **$330,100** |

**Additional information regarding Supervisorial Oversight Fee:**

[No Response]

Other Outgo and Other Financing Uses

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Debt Services | $0 |
| Transfers to Local Educational Agencies | $0 |
| All Other Transfers and Outgo | $0 |
| **Total Other Outgoing and Other Financing Uses** | **$0** |

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for Transfers to Local Educational Agencies and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

**Describe the nature of the transaction(s) for All Other Transfers and Outgo and identify the accounts or entities involved in the transfer(s).**

[No Response]

#### C. Fund Balance

Total Expenditures and Fund Balance

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Total Expenditures | $1,584,810 |
| Revenues Over Expenditures | $173,549 |
| Beginning Fund Balance | $296,911 |
| **Ending Fund Balance – June 30** | **$470,460** |

#### D. Reserves

Reserves

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | $47,544 |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | $0 |
| Reserves Required by Charter Authorizer | $0 |
| Other Reserves | $100,459 |
| Unassigned/Unappropriated Fund Balance | $322,457 |
| **Total Reserves** | **$470,460** |

Reserves as a Percentage of Total Expenditures

| **Reserves** | **Percentage of Total Expenditures** |
| --- | --- |
| Designated for Economic Uncertainties | 3.00% |
| Facilities Acquisition or Capital Projects | 0.00% |

**Explanation for reserves designated for economic uncertainties if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

[No Response]

**Explanation of Other Reserves:**

These are reserves for restricted Charter programs

**Explanation for reserves designated for facilities acquisition or capital projects if these reserves exceed the greater of $50,000 or 5 percent of total expenditures:**

[No Response]

**Explanation of school’s unassigned/unappropriated fund balance and details regarding the school’s plans for these funds: *(Optional)***

[No Response]

### Section 3. Pupil-Teacher Ratio

Pupil-Teacher Ratio

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| FY 2023–24 Average Daily Attendance for independent study pupils pursuant to 5 *CCR* Section 11963.3(b)(2) | 116.78 |
| FY 2023–24 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees responsible for independent study pursuant to 5 *CCR* Section 11963.3(b)(2) | 7.38 |
| FY 2023–24 Full-Time Equivalent certificated employees pursuant to 5 CCR Section 11963.3(b)(8) | 7.38 |

### Section 4. Funding Determination Calculations

Calculated Percentages

| **Criteria** | **Funding Determination Calculations** |
| --- | --- |
| Percentage Spent on Instructional Certificated Salaries and Benefits to Total Public Revenues | 67.81% |
| Percentage Spent on Instruction and Related Services and Allowable Facility Costs | 70.70% |
| FY 2023–24 Pupil-Teacher Ratio | 15.82 to 1 |

### Section 5. Supplemental Information

#### A. Virtual Charter Schools

Virtual Charter Schools

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Is this charter school a virtual or on-line charter school as defined in 5 *CCR* Section 11963.5? | Yes |
| If yes, can the charter school demonstrate compliance with 5 *CCR* sections 11963.5(b)(2) to (8)? | Yes |

#### B. Entity and Contract Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Did any entity receive or will receive $50,000 or more or 10% or more of total expenditures from the school in FY 2023–24 or FY 2024–25? | No |
| Number of reportable entities | [No Response] |

#### C. Current Governing Board Information

Entity and Contract Information

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| Number of board members | 5 |

##### List of Board Members

Board Member 1

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Deborah |
| Last Name of Board Member | Brannam |
| Title of Board Member | President (2024) |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Appointed |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 04/2019 to 04/2024 |

Board Member 2

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Casey |
| Last Name of Board Member | Jeffreys |
| Title of Board Member | Clerk |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 11/2022 to 11/2024 |

Board Member 3

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Ron |
| Last Name of Board Member | Oates |
| Title of Board Member | President (2023) |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Appointed |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 08/1993 to 08/2026 |

Board Member 4

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | Jessica |
| Last Name of Board Member | Spaid |
| Title of Board Member | Member |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 11/2022 to 11/2026 |

Board Member 5

| **Prompt** | **Charter School’s Response** |
| --- | --- |
| First Name of Board Member | David |
| Last Name of Board Member | Underwood |
| Title of Board Member | member |
| Board Member Type | Community Member |
| How was this member selected? | Elected |
| Is this board member affiliated in any way with any of the reportable entities listed in the Entity and Contract Information section? | [No Response] |
| If so, explain the nature of the affiliation. | [No Response] |
| Board Member Term (MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY) | 11/2014 to 11/2026 |

### Section 6. Mitigating Circumstances

**Explain why the charter school did not meet the criteria for the funding level requested. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply. List and explain the mitigating circumstances to be considered by the CDE and Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS).**

1. Include specific measures or actions taken by the charter school to comply.

● For 2023-24, MVCA spent 67.43% on Certificated Salaries and 70.70% on Instruction. MVCA fell 9.3% short of the required 80% or more on Instruction. Our total expenditures vs. revenues were 90.13%.

● For the 23-23 and 23-24 school years, MVCA had one-time restricted funds of $33,077 to spend down. MVCA no longer has one-time restricted funds.

2. List and explain the mitigating circumstances (s) to be considered by the CDE and ACCS.

● MVCA has been operating from a single, small portable classroom. Our space constraints reduced the need for or the ability to store books, supplies, and equipment for instruction. MVCA is in the process of relocating to a much larger space therefore increasing our need to expend more of our budget on instruction including books, supplies, and equipment for instruction.

● MVCA is in the process of adding an Early College Program in collaboration with Sierra College for the 2025-26 school year. We expect that the addition of this new program will increase staffing needs and other instructional expenditures.

### Section 7. Additional Information

**Provide any other pertinent information that may assist the CDE and ACCS in conducting a detailed review or develop a reasonable basis for a recommendation.**

3. Provide any other pertinent information that may assist the CDE and ACCS in conducting a detailed review or develop a reasonable basis for a recommendation.

Starting in the spring of 2022-23 and through today, the Placer Union High School District

(PUHSD) and Maidu Virtual Charter Academy have experienced various leadership changes.

● Spring of 2023- Superintendent of 10 years retired

● Spring of 2023- New Superintendent hired

● Spring of 2023- New Director of Education Services hired

● Fall of 2023- Director of Budget and Finance of nearly 20 years announced her retirement

● Fall of 2023- Director of Budget and Finance replacement hired

● Fall of 2023- Director of Budget and Finance replacement resigned

● Fall of 2024- 2nd Director of Budget and Finance hired

● Fall of 2024- 2nd-year Superintendent relieved of his duties

● Fall of 2024- “Acting” Superintendent appointed

● Fall of 2024- 3 of 5 New PUHSD Board Members

As a result of these leadership changes, there has been a level of uncertainty about budgets and spending that we have not experienced in the past. PUHSD is currently in declining enrollment and is looking for ways to cut the overall budget, MVCA is not. PUHSD District Staff must approve all MVCA expenditures. The state of the PUHSD budget, created confusion when the MVCA administration looked to have expenditures approved that had the funding to support those expenditures, and in many instances, those expenditures were not approved. This situation has been remedied and should not be an issue moving forward.

### Section 8. Certification

**1) The information provided is true and correct to the best of my ability and knowledge.**

**2) This charter school's nonclassroom-based instruction is conducted for and substantially dedicated to the instructional benefit of the school's students.**

**3) This charter school's governing board has adopted and implemented conflict of interest policies.**

**4) All of the charter school's transactions, contracts, and agreements are in the best interest of the school and reflect a reasonable market rate for all goods, services, and considerations rendered for or supplied to the school.**

**Enter your name below which will serve as a signature and certify agreement with all of the above terms.**

Erin Davenport

**Indicate whether the certification is from the charter school's director, principal, or governing chairperson:**

Principal

1. Includes Public Charter Schools Grant Program funds, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Includes In-Lieu of Property Taxes, if applicable [↑](#footnote-ref-2)