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## Annual Project Report & Budget Request

Fiscal Year	2024-25
Name of Project	THE TUTOR PROJECT
Project Manager	Laurie Thompson
Approved Budget	\$60,000
Actual Expenditures	\$58,055 MXN
<b>Comments</b>	
<p>The Tutor Project pays for Oaxacan university students to tutor and mentor high school students from low-income families in Oaxaca City and surrounding areas, including more remote areas thanks to the advancement of virtual classrooms. In many cases, the tutors have themselves previously received tutoring at our partner agency, The Oaxaca Learning Centre (TOLC), and can therefore serve as role models for the high school students. In addition to academic tutoring in chemistry, math, physics, college entrance exam preparation and English, TOLC provides mentoring, counselling and workshops designed to empower students and develop a range of skills and knowledge for future success.</p> <p>TOLC also offers a robust four-week summer program, now including workshops given by the same scholarship students supported by CANFRO through the Advanced Education Project, giving those students experience in planning, preparation, budgeting and executing a workshop.</p> <p>In 2024, over <b>4290 hours</b> of tutoring were given to <b>225 individual students</b>. The results are proven: Students in TOLC’s program improve their grades by 30–40%, and 83% pass entrance exams—more than double the state average.</p> <p>On average, 10 tutors work each month, and part of their stipend is paid with CANFRO funds. In 2024/25, there was <i>below expected spending</i> in support of tutors. This is likely the result of a communication gap or miscommunication between CANFRO and TOLC. While CANFRO authorized spending, the spending did not happen. Perhaps the managing of two projects from one bank account was initially complicated. There is also a small misalignment of “systems.” While CANFRO supports a certain number of tutors (1 per year in 2024/25), historically, this authorized amount has been distributed among multiple tutors for as many months as CANFRO funds are available. Regardless, less spending happened than was expected and authorized. Clearer communication and expectations, as well as more funding, should lead to a greater spending on Tutors this year (see requested budget below).</p> <p>In 2024/25, 6 CEI beneficiaries and 2 siblings were able to participate in workshops and classes at TOLC. Support for tutors helping CEI students is provided by the Schwartz Fund. In addition to our loyal donors to the Tutor Project, CANFRO has successfully secured foundation grants to support additional tutors in the coming year, increasing the overall support.</p>	
Current Fiscal Year	2025-26
Requested Budget	\$153,000 (3 tutors’ annual salary, 1 paid by Judi Schwartz Fund, 1 pd by Campbell Webster Foundation + 1 paid by individual donations). A 4th tutor could be supported mid-fiscal year, pending additional foundation grant.