

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., TO IMPLEMENT THE YOUTH SANCTUARY PROJECT, JUNE 1999 – JUNE 2002**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
VI – EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., operates two dropout prevention programs as part of the Miami-Dade Public Schools Educational Alternative Outreach Program. The two locations are ASPIRA–Wynwood, 3650 North Miami Avenue, and ASPIRA South, 14112 Southwest 288 Street, Leisure City. Each center serves approximately 150 at-risk students in grades 6 through 9.

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) has awarded a grant to ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., to establish the ASPIRA Youth Sanctuary, a 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. The program will serve economically disadvantaged youth and their families at ASPIRA's two dropout prevention programs. Among the proposed activities are integrated after-school programs that include math, science, reading tutoring, a neighborhood science lab, dance, cultural events, teen pregnancy prevention, and leadership clubs. Among the intended outcomes are improvement on standardized tests, increase in attendance among participating students, an increase in parent participation, and a decrease in gangs, drugs, and crime.

Authorization is being requested to accept the grant award from the USDOE, in the amount of \$200,000 per year, for three years; and to enter into a contractual agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$186,406 per year, for three years, with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., to operate the ASPIRA Youth Sanctuary Project. Funds in the amount of \$13,594 will be used for independent evaluations and indirect costs. No local funds are required.

ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., was identified as the agency to provide the services in the grant. Therefore, the contract being recommended does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The President/CEO of ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., is Mr. Raul Martinez.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize:

1. acceptance of a grant award from the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$200,000 a year, for three years, for funding under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program;
2. entering into a contractual agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$186,406 yearly, for three years, with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., to implement the Youth Sanctuary Project, June 1999 – June 2002;
3. submission of the above-referenced grant application to other appropriate funding sources as they become available; and
4. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**BUDGET SUMMARY FORM**

Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: ASPIRA - Youth Sanctuary Project Ending June 2002  
 Grant Period Beginning June 1999 (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	191,406			191,406				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	8,594 *							8,594 *
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	200,000			191,406				8,594

\*Includes Federal Indirect-Costs of 8,594

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-2 Board Meeting of April 14, 1999  
 (Number) (Date)