

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY FOR FUNDING THE HEALTH PROMOTING FLORIDA/NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES SISTER SCHOOLS PROJECT, JULY 1, 1999 – AUGUST 3, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The United States Information Agency (USIA) under the Freedom Support Act of 1992 has issued a Request for Proposals for short-term reciprocal exchanges of students, ages 14 to 18, to link a network of secondary schools in the United States with a network of schools in one or more of the Newly Independent States (NIS), formerly the Soviet Union.

From 1991 to 1999, Miami Carol City Adult Education Center has been awarded USIA grants, in the total amount of \$1,431,337. Under this funding initiative, schools in Florida have been linked with schools in the NIS to implement joint educational projects. The projects have been related to environmental issues, mutual understanding, the use of electronic mail to further mutual understanding, and to develop a bilingual health education booklet. An additional priority has been to expand the number of schools involved in the program.

For the 1999-2000 school year, the project proposes to expand the network of health promoting schools. This network will enhance, support and expand the existing linkages. Eleven NIS schools and an equal number of Florida schools will participate in a reciprocal exchange. Four students and one teacher from each school will travel to and spend one month with the sister school. The project will require participating students to create a bilingual (Azeri-English or Russian-English) health promoting booklet, accompanying pamphlet, and web page on a specific topic. Thus, students will be used as a resource to develop educational materials as a product. For the NIS schools, each participating school will plan visits with schools in the feeder pattern. The paired schools have business partners who will provide in-kind contributions i.e., tickets to cultural events, sightseeing tours, and receptions.

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Grant funds in the amount of \$197,500 will be used to cover the cost of participants' travel, meals, hotel accommodations, salaries and supplies.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept a grant award from and enter into a contractual agreement with the United States Information Agency, in the amount of \$197,500, for funding the Health Promoting Florida/Newly Independent States Sister Schools Project, July 1, 1999 - August 3, 2000; and
2. 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: Health Promoting Florida/Newly Independent States Sister School Project
 Grant Period Beginning July 1, 1999 Ending August 3, 2000
 (Date) (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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100	1,000	200	191,659		4,150		
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	491*						491*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	197,500	1,000	200	191,659		4,150		491

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 491

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-2 Board Meeting of June 23, 1999
 (Number) (Date)