

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY CONTINUATION GRANT; PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

The Even Start Family Literacy Continuation Grant is a federally-funded program designed to enhance the educational opportunities of the nation's adults, preschool, and primary age children. The principal focus of the program is to help parents become full partners in the educational process of their children. Beginning in 1996, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in partnership with the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service, received funds to implement the Even Start Family Literacy Program at D.A. Dorsey Education Center.

Program activities are designed to include group meetings and a lending library of family literacy materials. During home visits, information will be provided on child development and stimulation techniques for children, birth to seven years old. Educational and medical screening for infants and toddlers and referrals for special services will be provided. Participation is voluntary for those who meet the criteria and are willing to comply with program requirements. Family support services will be provided in English, Haitian-Creole, and Spanish utilizing strategies which reflect the cultures of participating families. Additionally, program personnel will be provided opportunities to obtain the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

Funds in the amount of \$110,825 are being awarded for the continuation of the grant. The funds will be used for personnel, contracted services, travel, and supplies.

Matching funds in the amount of \$110,825 are required for this program. This requirement will be met through in-kind contributions of the salaries of personnel who will be supporting the program.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on February 5, 2001. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning October 1, 2000.

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

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$110,825, for funding the Even Start Family Literacy Continuation Grant; Project Cycle: October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. 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: Even Start Continuation

Grant Period Beginning 10/01/2000 Ending 11/20/01
(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	72,115	17,715	6,000		4,995	10,000	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						
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	110,825	72,115	17,715	6,000		4,995	10,000	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-3 Board Meeting of March 14, 2001
(Number) (Date)