

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH ASPIRA EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS CHARTER SCHOOL; DORAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL; VANKARA NORTH COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL; AND GARDENS ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: APRIL 10, 2001 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools partnering with local educational agencies in order to provide a high quality education for all students. The Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program provides funds only to those charter schools which have been approved by the local school district, and which have established a collaborative partnership for the oversight and operation of the charter schools. Funds received from this grant will be used to improve the quality of education, support planning activities, and supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School, Doral Academy High School, Vankara North County Charter School, and Gardens Academy of Excellence Charter School submitted grant applications to support their school operations. It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following funding amounts:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount Of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School	Start up	\$70,000	\$2,504	\$67,496
Doral Academy High School	Start up	\$70,000	\$2,504	\$67,496
Vankara North County Charter School	Start up	\$70,000	\$2,504	\$67,496
Gardens Academy of Excellence Charter School	Start up	\$70,000	\$2,504	\$67,496

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS will be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools. Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into separate contractual agreements with each of the aforementioned charter schools for the amount indicated. Each charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on May 10, 2001. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning April 10, 2001 through September 30, 2001.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$280,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$67,496; Doral Academy High School, in an amount not to exceed \$67,496; Vankara North County Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$67,496; and Gardens Academy of Excellence Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$67,496; Project Cycle: April 10, 2001 through September 30, 2001;
2. extend these grant awards and contractual agreements, 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 awards and thus complete the scope of the projects; 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: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant

Grant Period Beginning April 10, 2001 Ending September 30, 2001
 (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	269,984		269,984				
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400							
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200	10,016*						10,016*
General Administration	7300							
School Administration	7400							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7500							
Fiscal Services	7600							
Food Services	7700							
Central Services	7800							
Transportation Services	7900							
Operation of Plant	8100							
Maintenance of Plant	9100							
Community Services	9200							
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		280,000		269,984				10,016

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 10,016

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-15 Board Meeting of June 20, 2001
 (Number) (Date)