

April 16, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LIBERTY CITY CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 15, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

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 conduct training for operators and teachers of Florida public charter schools.

Liberty City Charter School submitted a grant application to support dissemination activities regarding charter school operations. It is anticipated that the Charter School will receive the following funding amount:

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Grant Type:	Dissemination
Amount of Grant:	\$100,000
Indirect Cost:	\$ 3,660
Contract Amount:	\$ 96,340

In accordance with state and federal guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of Liberty City Charter School. Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Liberty City Charter School for the amount indicated. The charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use.

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It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under the Florida Statute 228.056 Charter Schools, as well as federal grant guidelines under the United States Department of Education, Public Charter Schools Program, CFDA: 84.282A which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent for competitive federal through state grant awards to charter schools.

Added

Official notification relative to the grant award was received on February 15, 2002. The budget period for the grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning October 15, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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 the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$100,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into a contractual agreement with Liberty City Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$96,340; Project Cycle: October 15, 2001 through June 30, 2002;
2. approve acceptance of the grant award, in accordance with Florida Statutes 228.056, Charter Schools, as well as United States Department of Education, Public Charter Schools Program, CFDA: 84.282A. This action is not an endorsement of the expansion activities undertaken by charter schools;
3. extend the grant award and contractual agreement, 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
4. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

Added

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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 School Federal Project

Grant Period Beginning October 15, 2001 Ending June 30, 2002  
 (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	96,340		96,340				
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400							
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200	3,660*						3,660*
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	100,000			96,340				3,660

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 3,660

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item B-68 Board Meeting of April 17, 2002  
 (Number) (Date)

