

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate 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 ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY, INC. ON BEHALF OF ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY; THE MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC. ON BEHALF OF EXCELSIOR ACADEMY AND SUNSET HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL; THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. ON BEHALF OF THE THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: MAY 14, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 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 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), Archimedean Academy, Excelsior Academy, Sunset Heights Charter School, and The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School submitted grant applications to support their school operations. It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following funding amounts:

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Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Archimedean Academy	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,297	\$144,703
Excelsior Academy	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,297	\$144,703
Sunset Heights Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,297	\$144,703
The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,297	\$144,703

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into separate contractual agreements with each of the aforementioned charter schools for the amounts 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 June 13, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning May 14, 2002 through September 30, 2002.

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 \$600,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with Archimedean Academy, Inc. on behalf of Archimedean Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$144,703; The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Excelsior Academy in an amount not to exceed \$144,703; and Sunset Heights Charter School in an amount not to exceed \$144,703; Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc. on behalf of The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School in an amount not to exceed \$144,703; Project Cycle: May 14, 2002 through September 30, 2002;
2. approve acceptance of these grant awards in accordance with Florida Statutes 228.056, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
3. 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
4. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC:ccs

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Public Charters Schools Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning May 14, 2002 Ending September 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	578,812			578,812				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								
School Administration	21,188*							21,188*
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	600,000			578,812				21,188

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 21,188

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-66 Board Meeting of July 10, 2002
 (Number) (Date)