

Education
Mercedes Tournal, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHARTER, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLES: JUNE 21, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

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), North Dade Community Charter, Inc., on behalf of North Dade Community Charter School submitted a grant application to support its school operations. It is anticipated that the charter school will receive the following funding amount:

| Charter School | Grant Type | Amount of Grant | Indirect Cost | Contract Amount |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| North Dade Community Charter School | Start-up | \$150,000 | \$5,324 | \$144,676 |

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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 a separate contractual agreement with the aforementioned 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.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on August 12, 2002. The budget period for this grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning June 21, 2002 through September 30, 2002 with the provision to extend the project until June 30, 2003.

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 \$150,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into a separate contractual agreement with North Dade Community Charter, Inc., on behalf of North Dade Community Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,676; Project Cycles: June 21, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
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 this 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 amount 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 Program

Grant Period Beginning June 21, 2002 Ending September 30, 2002 (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 | 144,676 | | | 144,676 | | | | |
| SUPPORT SERVICES: | | | | | | | | |
| Pupil Personnel Services | | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Media Services | | | | | | | | |
| Instruction & Curriculum Development | | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Staff Training | | | | | | | | |
| Board of Education | | | | | | | | |
| General Administration | 5,324 * | | | | | | | 5,324 * |
| School Administration | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 150,000 | | | 144,676 | | | | 5,324 |

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 5,324

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-50 Board Meeting of October 23, 2002 (Date)
 (Number)