

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TWELVE GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE FAMILY LITERACY PROJECTS UNDER THE ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT AT: AVOCADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ETHEL KOGER BECKHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GERTRUDE K. EDELMAN/SABAL PALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, KENSINGTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER, M.A. MILAM K-8 CENTER, NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY SCHOOL, HUBERT O. SIBLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SOUTH DADE ADULT CENTER, PINE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WESLEY MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

The Florida Department of Education issued a Request for Proposals under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to fund projects that promote literacy and increase basic educational skills among adults in Florida. In response, the Office of Adult/Vocational and Alternative Education submitted grant applications, in the amount of \$899,038, for projects designed to provide parents with the necessary skills to become full partners in the educational development of their children. The following projects were funded:

- The Avocado Elementary School Project (Technology Applications for Parents and_Students - TAPAS) Project provides parents and their children English literacy instruction, parent/child practice to improve their computer skills using wireless computers, opportunities to read together, and parent skill building in becoming partners with the schools in the education of their children through a collaboration with South Dade Adult Center, community social agencies, and the local One Stop Center. The skills gained in this program will enable the learners to become more successful in their community and the global workforce. Funds in the amount of \$75,000 will provide for supplies, books, laptop computers, software, and personnel.

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- The Ethel Koger Beckham Elementary School Project (Project FLAIR – Family Literacy: An Intergenerational Resource) will expand current family literacy services which empower parents to become full partners in the education of children and enhance basic skills which will lead to their economic self-sufficiency. This project, working in collaboration with Miami-Sunset Adult Education Center, will provide parents with English literacy and adult basic education classes, computer literacy classes, Parent And Child Time (PACT) activities, after school tutoring for their children, and parenting skills enhancement which includes problem solving activities, health and nutrition education. Florida International University will work cooperatively to implement the FLASH (Families And Schools At Home) curriculum used in this program. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will provide for computers, software, books with tapes, curricular materials, personnel, travel, and supplies.
- The Broadmoor Elementary School Project will increase family participation in the education process, helping parents view education as the key to success for both themselves and their families. The project, working in collaboration with Turner Technical Education Center, will provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Pre-GED education classes, computer literacy and Internet-use training, parenting education including career development, health, nutrition, and money management. It will also provide parent and child time together for literacy activities. Children will receive research-based literacy instruction while parents attend classes. Funding in the amount of \$74,201 will be used for supplies, books, computers, software, personnel, travel, and to enter into a contractual agreement with the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, in the amount of \$6,000.
- The Kensington Park Elementary School Project (Passport to Literacy) is designed to help parents and children make substantial gains in reading. Parents will attend ESOL adult education classes which will be infused with technology skills training to help them compete in the workplace while children attend literacy enrichment classes. During PACT activities, parents will have the opportunity to work with their children using age-appropriate software. To ensure goals are being met, families will create an intervention plan. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will be used for personnel, software, tape players, books with tapes, and computers.
- The Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center Project (LIFE – Lindsey Integrates Family Education) will assist parents in developing the literacy and social skills needed to participate in their children's education and the vocational skills to help them to become economically self-sufficient. Program components consist of adult education classes, parenting skills support groups, PACT activities, tutoring and age-appropriate activities for children of participants. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will be used for personnel, tape recorders, computers, software, equipment and travel.

- The M.A. Milam K-8 Center Project (FAMILIA.COM – Families Involved In Literacy Instruction And Computers) provides quality interactive computer training and literacy courses for parents and their children, so that parents can become full partners in the educational development of children, while at the same time gaining proficiency in English and confidence to further their own education and career development. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will be used for computers, software, personnel, books, and supplies.
- The North Miami Beach Senior High Community School Family Literacy Project will increase reading enjoyment and skills while developing English language, writing, critical thinking, and computer skills of the participating parents and children. Families' intellectual, social, emotional, and health needs will be addressed by a team of experienced teachers and a social worker by implementing a program wherein participants are goal-oriented and empowered in learning. Parents will receive adult ESOL education training while children will attend reading and FCAT tutorial classes. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will be used for personnel, travel, family field trips, books, and software.
- The Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary School Project (School, Community and Family) provides a multi-faceted approach to increase the literacy achievement of parents and their children. To meet the needs of this working community, flexibility is the key. Before school access to the school library with tutoring available, twice weekly effective parenting classes led by the school social worker, literacy instructor, or nurse, adult ESOL classes, family tutorial and activity time, children's literacy instruction time are the components of this program. Funding in the amount of \$74,935 will be used for personnel, digital camera, software, books, and books with tapes.
- The Hubert O. Sibley Elementary School Family Literacy Project, in collaboration with North Miami Adult Education Center, will provide parents and their children with the opportunity to increase their English literacy and computer skills. While parents are attending adult ESOL education classes, their children will be participating in children's literacy activities. Parent skill building, including nutrition, money management, child advocacy, child development, and career guidance will be an essential part of this program since many of the participants are recent immigrants to this country. Parent and child together time will provide modeling and practice with parent-child reading and storytelling and retelling. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will provide for personnel, computers, software, books, and family field trips.
- The South Dade Adult Center Project (Helping the Homeless to Achieve) will provide homeless families with tools that foster family literacy by incorporating, intergenerational literacy, child literacy, and real-life adult literacy experiences that lead to self-sufficiency and families of life-long learners. Parent skill building opportunities will include goal setting, nutrition, violence prevention, parental rights and responsibilities, and money management information. Adult education

classes, including literacy and computer education will be provided through research-based software technology and the Internet. Children will participate with parents in various parent/child reading, computer web quests, and storytelling activities. Funding in the amount of \$74,902 will provide for personnel, family field trips, travel, books with tapes, and fluency building materials.

- The Wesley Matthews Elementary School Family Literacy Project (Family Together Integrating English Skills) will foster family literacy by providing undereducated parents with the necessary skills to become full partners in their children's education. This will be accomplished by providing instruction in literacy techniques, as well as by training the families in keyboarding, word processing, and Internet skills. Adult literacy education and child literacy education will be an integral part of this program. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will provide for personnel, laptop computers, software, dictionaries and books.
- The Pine Lake Elementary School Chat Project is committed to achieving substantial learning gains for adult learners and their children. Family literacy and adult education will be available at home via the Internet, as well as in the school setting. Parent and their children will be involved in interactive activities using books and technology. Funding in the amount of \$75,000 will provide for supplies, field trips, computers, software, books, and personnel.

Official notification of these grant awards was received September 20, 2002, which was after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this grant allows for reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept twelve grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$899,038, for funding the Family Literacy Projects at Avocado Elementary School, in the amount of \$75,000; Ethel Koger Beckham Elementary School, in the amount of \$75,000; Broadmoor Elementary School in the amount of \$74,201; Kensington Park Elementary School, in the amount of \$75,000; Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center, in the amount of \$75,000; M.A. Milam K-8 Center, in the amount of \$75,000; North Miami Beach Senior High Community School, in the amount of \$75,000; Pine Lake Elementary School, in the amount of \$75,000; Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary School, in the amount of \$74,935; Hubert O. Sibley Elementary School, in the amount of \$75,000; South Dade Adult Center, in the amount of \$74,902; and Wesley Matthews Elementary School, in the amount \$75,000; under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act; and enter into a contractual agreement with the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000, Project Cycle: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend these grant awards 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 awards and thus complete the scope of the projects; and
3. direct 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: Family Literacy Projects

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2002 Ending June 30, 2003
 (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	847,244	438,980	70,046	20,566		69,625	248,027	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training	21,012			17,258				3,754
Board of Education								
General Administration	23,082*							23,082*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services	7,700			7,700				
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	899,038	438,980	70,046	45,524		69,625	248,027	26,836

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 23,082

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-56 Board Meeting of October 23, 2002
 (Number) (Date)