

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 ASPIRA EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL; THE MIAMI DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTH COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL; THE MIAMI DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTHEAST ACADEMY, PROJECT CYCLE: AUGUST 19, 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 continue activities, 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 Youth Leadership Charter School, North County Charter School, and Northeast Academy submitted grant applications to support charter school operations. It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following funding amount:

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Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School	2 ND Year Continuation	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
North County Charter School	2 ND Year Continuation	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Northeast Academy	2 ND Year Continuation	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676

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 grants 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 the aforementioned charter schools for the amounts indicated. The charter schools will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in their respective grant applications and expending the grant funds.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on September 16, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from August 19, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept the grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$450,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into a separate contractual agreements with ASPIRA Eugenio Maria De Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,676; The Miami Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of North County Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,676; The Miami Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Northeast Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$144,676. Project Cycle: August 19, 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 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/MB:ccs

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 August 19, 2002 Ending June 30, 2003 (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	434,028			434,028				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	15,972*							15,972*
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	450,000			434,028				15,972

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 15,972

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item B-67 Board Meeting of October 23, 2002 (Date)

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