

Education
Mercedes Tournal, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH: RYDER SYSTEM CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF RYDER ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL; THE LIBERTY CITY CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECT, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE LIBERTY CITY CHARTER SCHOOL; AND MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE MATER CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL, PROJECT CYCLE: AUGUST 16, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Public Charter School 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 School 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 help 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), Ryder Elementary Charter School, The Liberty City Charter School, and The Mater Center Charter School submitted grant applications to support charter 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
Ryder Elementary Charter School	Dissemination	\$40,000	\$1,420	\$38,580
The Liberty City Charter School	Dissemination	\$70,000	\$2,485	\$67,515
The Mater Center Charter School	Dissemination	\$75,000	\$2,662	\$72,338

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS will serve in a collaborative partnership with each charter school in the oversight and operation of the school. The School 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 (new Section 1012.32, F.S.), which requires that M-DCPS monitor the revenues and expenditures of the charter school.

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 November 1, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning August 16, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

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 \$185,000, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with: Ryder System Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Ryder Elementary Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$38,580; The Liberty City Charter School Project Inc., on behalf of The Liberty City Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$67,515; and Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of The Mater Center Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$72,338, Project Cycle: August 16, 2002 through September 30, 2003;
2. extend these grant programs and contractual agreements, at no additional cost, for a maximum of 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.

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 School Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning August 16, 2002 Ending September 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	178,433			178,433				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	6,567*							6,567*
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	185,000			178,433				6,567

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 6,567

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-64 Board Meeting of December 11, 2002
 (Number) (Date)