

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 ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF EXCELSIOR ACADEMY; THE MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF SUNSET HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL; THE MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF THEODORE R. GIBSON AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, PROJECT CYCLE: MAY 14, 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 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 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), Excelsior Academy, Sunset Heights Charter School, and Theodore R. Gibson and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School submitted grant applications to support charter school operations.

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It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following funding amounts:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Excelsior Academy	Planning	\$10,000	\$355	\$9,645
Sunset Heights Charter School	Planning	\$10,000	\$355	\$9,645
Theodore R. Gibson and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School	Planning	\$10,000	\$355	\$9,645

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 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 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, 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 December 4, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning May 14, 2002 through June 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 \$30,000, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Excelsior Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$9,645; The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Sunset Heights Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$9,645, and The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. Gibson and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$9,645, Project Cycle: May 14, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. approve acceptance of these grant awards in accordance with Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
3. 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 programs; 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 May 14, 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	5000	28,935		28,935				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	1,065*						1,065*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		30,000		28,935				1,065

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 1,065

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-60 Board Meeting of February 12, 2003
 (Number) (Date)