

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST 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 DORAL ACADEMY, INC., AND YOUTH CO-OP, INC.

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) issued a Request for Proposal 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.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), The Doral Academy and Youth Co-Op Charter School submitted grant applications to support charter school operations.

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

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
The Doral Academy	Dissemination Grant	\$100,000	\$3,335	\$ 96,665
Youth Co-Op Charter School	Dissemination Grant	\$100,000	\$3,335	\$ 96,665
TOTAL		\$200,000	\$6,670	\$193,330

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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 grants or their intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS monitor the revenues and expenditures of the charter school(s).

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.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. While grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 have been accepted, after indirect costs of \$6,670 have been deducted, the sum of \$193,330 will remain. These funds will be used for hourly personnel, field trips, and educational supplies.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on December 16, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2003.

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

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$200,000, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program for the grant period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements with: The Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of The Doral Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$96,665; and Youth Co-Op, Inc., on behalf of Youth Co-Op Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$96,665;
3. approve acceptance of these grant awards in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
4. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended 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?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Public Charter School Federal Grant Program

Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2003 Ending September 30, 2004
(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	193,330		193,330				
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	6,670*						6,670*
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	200,000			193,330				6,670

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 6,670

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-60 Board Meeting of February 11, 2004
(Number) (Date)