

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 SELECTED CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**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. 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), Las Palmas Charter School and Miami Community 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
Las Palmas Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$8,337	\$241,663
Miami Community Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$8,337	\$241,663
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$16,674</b>	<b>\$483,326</b>

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In accordance with the FLDOE 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 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.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 will be used for hourly personnel, field trips, educational supplies, and indirect costs.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on March 9, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective February 16, 2004.

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

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000 for the grant period of February 16, 2004 through September 30, 2005;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements with:
  - a. The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., on behalf of Las Palmas Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$241,663, and
  - b. Miami Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Community Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$241,663;
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?  
 Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Public Charter School Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning February 16, 2004 Ending September 30, 2005  
 (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	483,326			483,326				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	16,674*							16,674*
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	500,000			483,326				16,674

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 16,674

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-61 Board Meeting of April 14, 2004  
 (Number) (Date)