

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BALERE, 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 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), Balere Language Academy Charter School submitted a grant application to support charter school operations.

It is anticipated that the charter school will receive the following funding amount:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
Balere Language Academy Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$8,337	\$241,663
TOTAL		\$250,000	\$8,337	\$241,663

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.

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Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into a contractual agreement with the aforementioned charter school for the amount indicated. The charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$241,663 will be used for hourly personnel, field trips, and educational supplies.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on March 29, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 4, 2004.

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

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000 for the grant period of March 4, 2004 through September 30, 2005;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Balere, Inc., on behalf of Balere Language Academy Charter School in an amount not to exceed \$241,663;
3. approve acceptance of this grant award 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 this program and contractual agreement 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 March 4, 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	5000	241,663		241,663				
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400							
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200	8,337*						8,337*
General Administration	7300							
School Administration	7400							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7500							
Fiscal Services	7600							
Food Services	7700							
Central Services	7800							
Transportation Services	7900							
Operation of Plant	8100							
Maintenance of Plant	9100							
Community Services	9200							
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	250,000			241,663				8,337

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 8,337

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-62 Board Meeting of May 19, 2004
 (Number) (Date)