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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC.**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) 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.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award, in the amount of \$250,000, from the FLDOE and to enter into a contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$238,254, to implement their program for the grant period of August 30, 2004 through September 30, 2005.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Somerset Academy Charter School submitted a grant application to support its charter school operations.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receives such grants. 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 Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
Somerset Academy Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$11,746	\$238,254
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$11,746</b>	<b>\$238,254</b>

Official notification of this grant award was received on November 15, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective August 30, 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 (FLDOE) for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000 for the grant period of August 30, 2004 through September 30, 2005;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$238,254, for the contract period of August 30, 2004 through September 30, 2005;
3. 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
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MI-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 - Somerset Academy

Grant Period Beginning August 30, 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	238,254			238,254				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	11,746*							11,746*
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	250,000			238,254				11,746

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 11,746

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item H-4 Board Meeting of December 15, 2004  
 (Number) (Date)