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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 two grant awards, in the total amount of \$500,000, from the FLDOE and to enter into separate contractual agreements with Somerset Academy, Inc., for the Somerset Academy Charter Middle School, in the amount of \$238,254, and Somerset Academy Charter High School, in the amount of \$238,254, to implement their programs 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 Middle School and Somerset Academy Charter High School submitted grant applications to support their 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 receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grants 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 total amount of \$500,000 will be distributed among the two schools as follows:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
Somerset Academy Charter Middle School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$11,746	\$238,254
Somerset Academy Charter High School	Implementation Grant	\$250,000	\$11,746	\$238,254
TOTAL		\$500,000	\$23,492	\$476,508

Official notification of these grant awards was received on December 6, 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 two grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000 for the grant period of August 30, 2004 through September 30, 2005;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$476,508 for the grant period of August 30, 2004 through September 30, 2005:
 - a. Somerset Academy, Inc. for the Somerset Academy Charter Middle School, in the amount of \$238,254; and
 - b. Somerset Academy, Inc. for the Somerset Academy Charter High School, in the amount of \$238,254;
3. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; 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 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 - Somerset Academy Middle and High Schools
 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	5000	476,508		476,508				
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	23,492*						23,492*
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		500,000		476,508				23,492

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 23,492

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-12 Board Meeting of January 19, 2005
 (Number) (Date)