

January 5, 2005

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT SIX GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM (CSR) PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER, INC., MATER ACADEMY, INC., AND ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title I, Part F, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) makes available the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Grant to all eligible educational agencies for K-12 schools with accountability grades of C, D, or F. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial incentives for schools to implement a comprehensive school reform program. All public schools were notified of this highly competitive grant opportunity.

Authorization is requested to accept six grant awards, in the total amount of \$863,839, from the FLDOE and to enter into separate contractual agreements with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$138,187; Downtown Miami Charter Inc., in the amount of \$138,187; Mater Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$276,374; and Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., in the amount of \$270,503; to implement their programs for the grant period of July 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, Downtown Miami Charter School, Mater Academy East Charter School, Mater Academy Middle Charter School, Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City, and Rosa Parks Charter School/Overtown 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 receives 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 \$863,839 will be distributed as separate contractual agreements among the six schools as follows:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$145,000	\$6,813	\$138,187
Downtown Miami Charter School	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$145,000	\$6,813	\$138,187
Mater Academy East Charter School	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$145,000	\$6,813	\$138,187
Mater Academy Middle Charter School	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$145,000	\$6,813	\$138,187
Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$145,000	\$6,813	\$138,187
Rosa Parks Charter School/Overtown	Comprehensive School Reform Grant	\$138,839	\$6,523	\$132,316
TOTAL		\$863,839	\$40,588	\$823,251

The indirect cost is \$40,588, for a total allocation of \$863,839.

Official notification of these grant awards was received on December 16, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 20, 2004.

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

1. accept six grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Program in the amount of \$863,839, for the grant period of July 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$823,251, for the grant period of July 20, 2004 through June 30, 2005:
 - a. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$138,187;
 - b. Downtown Miami Charter, Inc., in the amount of \$138,187;
 - c. Mater Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$276,374; and
 - d. Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., in the amount of \$270,503;
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: Comprehensive School Reform - Aspira, Downtown Miami, Mater Academy, and Kosa Parks Charter Schools

Grant Period Beginning July 20, 2004 Ending June 30, 2005 (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	823,251			823,251				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	40,588 *							40,588 *
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	863,839			823,251				40,588

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 40,588

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-14 Board Meeting of January 19, 2005 (Date)
 (Number)