

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN, CELEBRITY CRUISES OCEAN
FUND, FOR FUNDING THE LAND SCIENCE HANDS-ON AND
RELATED CAREERS (SHARC) PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises Ocean Fund, provides funding for innovative projects designed to encourage and support the improvement of the marine environment through education. Since 1998, MAST Academy has received grant awards from the Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises Ocean Fund, to implement the Land SHARC Program which is a mobile science laboratory used for instructional activities and outreach.

The purpose of the Land SHARC Program is to give students the opportunity to learn about maritime careers and provide hands-on experience with marine science and technology. The mobile marine science laboratory enables MAST Academy to visit 26 middle schools and 22 elementary schools annually to provide marine science experiences for the students. The Land SHARC Program positively impacts 1500 students each year.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises Ocean Fund, in the amount of \$50,000, to fund the Land SHARC Program for the grant period of March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds will be used to refurbish and equip the mobile unit. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on February 16, 2005, from Ms. Leslie Katz, Manager, Corporate Communications, Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises.

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

1. accept a grant award from the Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises Ocean Fund, for funding the Land Science Hands-on and Related Careers (SHARC) Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the grant period of March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. 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: Land SHARC

Grant Period Beginning March 1, 2005 Ending February 28, 2006
 (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	50,000			25,000			25,000	
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	*						*
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	50,000			25,000			25,000	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By: [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of March 16, 2005
 (Number) (Date)