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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

**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 BRIDGE ACADEMY, INC.,
ON BEHALF OF BRIDGE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & 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.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award, in the amount of \$300,000, from the FLDOE and to enter into a contractual agreement with Bridge Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$285,905 to implement their program for the grant period of April 13, 2005, through September 30, 2005.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Bridge 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.

No matching funds are required as condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 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. Indirect cost is \$14,095 for a total allocation of \$300,000.

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Official notification of this grant award was received on May 19, 2005, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective April 13, 2005.

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 \$300,000 for the grant period of April 13, 2005, through September 30, 2005;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Bridge Academy, Inc. in the amount of \$ 285,905, for the contract period of April 13, 2005, 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.

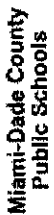
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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes
 No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning April 13, 2005 Ending September 30, 2008
 (Date) (Date)



GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Public Charter School Federal Grant Program

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	285,905.00			285,905.00				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	14,095.00*							14,095.00*
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	300,000.00			285,905.00				14,095.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 14,095

Reviewed By *[Signature]* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of July 13, 2005
 (Number) (Date)