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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and Community Services

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)  
UNDER THE LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA SCHOOL-BASED  
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America School-Based Program, awards grants to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to initiate and sustain service-learning in secondary schools as a strategy to improve student performance. Service Learning is a method of teaching and learning that combines and links classroom instruction with service to the community. In effective service learning, students engage in hands-on learning, they make connections between school and the community, they gain career exposure and they practice productive citizenship.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE, in the amount of \$20,000, to fund the District Infrastructure-Building Project for the grant period of September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2006.

Since 2002, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been the only urban school district to receive one of the nine statewide District Infrastructure-Building Project Grants. The 2005-2006 school year will mark the fourth year of successful implementation. The project will continue efforts to expand, improve, and institutionalize service-learning in the District.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Office of Community Services will oversee the grant's implementation. The District Infrastructure-Building Project will:

- provide districtwide training for new school-based learn and serve programs;
- assist new school sites with implementation;
- strengthen existing District and school-based learn and serve programs;
- support the goals of the District Service-Learning Advisory Committee;

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- continue to support the District's intergenerational service-learning youth council, Generation US Council;
- provide training for parents; and
- train teachers as mentors for new projects.

An in-kind match is required to receive these funds. The match requirement, valued at \$20,000, is met by personnel, professional development, student transportation, and substitute coverage provided through other District funds and community-based organizations contributions. Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 will be used to train veteran teachers as mentors in the service learning program, train new teachers in the service learning program and train parents to assist the students with reading acquisition skills as well as parenting skills. Grant funds will be used for professional and technical services, inservice reimbursement, instructional materials, out-of-county travel, and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on June 7, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2005. The grant will be managed by the Office of Community Services.

**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) under the Learn and Serve America School-Based Program in the amount of \$20,000, for the grant period of September 1, 2005, through August 31, 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.

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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes  No  
Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Learn and Serve America School-Based Program

Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2005 Ending August 31, 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								
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education	17,299.00	7,500.00	799.00	6,000.00		3,000.00		
General Administration	*							*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services	1,000.00			1,000.00				
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services	1,701.00					1,701.00		
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	20,000.00	7,500.00	799.00	7,000.00		4,701.00		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature]  
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of August 17, 2005  
(Number) (Date)