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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) UNDER THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE EDUCATION FUND, THE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL CHANGE, THE MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, AND WESTED

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been awarded a School Leadership grant from the United States Department of Education (USDOE). The grant will fund the Superintendent's Urban Principal Initiative (SUPI) and will be managed by the office of Professional Development. In accordance with the proposal submitted to USDOE, contracts will be generated with the following entities to provide services and materials relating to the grant program: The Education Fund, The Council for Educational Change, The Miami Museum of Science, and WestEd.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the USDOE, in the amount of \$2,011,961, to fund SUPI for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2008.

The SUPI program provides multi-faceted professional development opportunities for teacher leaders, assistant principals, and principals in M-DCPS. It will expand on the 2004-2005 program initiated for assistant principals and is intended to increase the number of individuals applying for positions or transferring into high-need secondary schools. The program also aims to reduce high turnover rates and improve job satisfaction for administrators employed in these schools. School administrators will be recruited and trained to develop the commitment, focus, inquiry, resiliency, and action required to lead the District's most challenging secondary schools.

The SUPI program will recruit three cohorts per year comprised of 13 teachers with a career interest in school-site administration, 13 assistant principals and 13 principals. Applications will be sent to all schools and participants will be selected based on their meeting criteria detailed in the grant. The program will also benefit approximately 1,000 school administrators by providing access to a professional development course menu developed for a new *Urban Leadership Strand*.

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In addition, SUPI features an innovative Urban Executive Leaders' initiative that will provide scholarships for principals completing the three year program and agreeing to remain at a high-need secondary school while mentoring and/or coaching practicing principals. Program components focus on the enhancement of leadership skills that will serve to elevate the prestige of urban school leadership and thereby promote student achievement.

In collaboration with M-DCPS, the following local partners will assist the District in implementing SUPI: The Education Fund will support internships; the Council for Educational Change will provide online leadership tools; and the Miami Museum of Science will secure mentors for the teacher, assistant principal, and principal cohorts. In addition, WestEd will develop required evaluation instruments that will provide relevant, formative assessment data to insure project modifications are timely and address identified needs.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 27, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2005.

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

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) under the School Leadership Grant Program, in the amount of \$2,011,961, for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2008;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements for the grant period of 2005 through 2006 with:
 - a. The Education Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000;
 - b. The Council for Educational Change, in an amount not to exceed \$86,550;
 - c. The Miami Museum of Science, in an amount not to exceed \$300,363; and
 - d. WestEd, in an amount not to exceed \$132,132;
3. extend this program 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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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: School Leadership Grant Program
 Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2005 Ending September 30, 2008
 (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							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	1,929,198.00	65,022.00	1,479,176.00				130,000.00
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	82,763.00*						82,763.00*
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	2,011,961.00	255,000.00	65,022.00	1,479,176.00				212,763.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 82,763

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-86 Board Meeting of September 7, 2005
 (Number) (Date)