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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FIVE GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) issued a Request for Applications 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. Funds received from these grants 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.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive 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 \$1,000,000 will be distributed as follows:

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Charter School	Second Year Implementation Grant Period	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Net Grant Amount
International Studies Charter High School	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	\$200,000	\$5,347.59	\$194,652.41
Miami Children's Museum Charter School	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	\$200,000	\$5,347.59	\$194,652.41
Somerset Academy	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	\$200,000	\$5,347.59	\$194,652.41
Somerset Academy Middle School	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	\$200,000	\$5,347.59	\$194,652.41
Somerset Academy High School	January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006	\$200,000	\$5,347.59	\$194,652.41
TOTAL		\$1,000,000	\$26,737.95	\$973,262.05

Official notifications of these grant awards were received on March 10, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective January 1, 2006.

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

1. accept five grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program in the total amount of \$1,000,000, for the grant period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
2. disburse grant funds in the total amount of \$973,262.05 to:
 - a. International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter High School, in the amount of \$194,652.41, for the grant period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
 - b. Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Children's Museum Charter School, in the amount \$194,652.41, for the grant period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
 - c. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy, in the amount of \$194,652.41, for the grant period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
 - d. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Middle School, in the amount of \$194,652.41, for the grant period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
 - e. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy High School, in the amount of \$194,652.41 for the grant period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
3. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE; 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/PROGRAM NAME: Charter Schools - International Studies, Miami Children's Museum, Somerset Academy, Somerset Middle, Somerset High
 Grant Period Beginning January 1, 2006 Ending December 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	5000	973,263.00		973,263.00				
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400							
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200	26,737.00*						26,737.00*
General Administration	7300							
School Administration	7400							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7500							
Fiscal Services	7600							
Food Services	7700							
Central Services	7800							
Transportation Services	7900							
Operation of Plant	8100							
Maintenance of Plant	9100							
Community Services	9200							
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		1,000,000.00		973,263.00				26,737.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 26,737

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-83 Board Meeting of May 10, 2006
 (Number) (Date)