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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 JUSTICE FOR FUNDING THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GREAT) PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Justice, in the amount of \$250,000, to implement the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, awards grants to implement the GREAT Program, which includes a research-based gang prevention curriculum. The GREAT Program will be administered in 26 middle, K-8, and elementary schools during the academic year and will also include a summer program for students and parents. The schools were selected because they do not currently have the GREAT program, and there is a high percentage of at-risk students, or students who have poor academic performance, high truancy rates, or live in neighborhoods with high incidences of crime. The program is managed by the Schools Police Department.

The objectives of the GREAT Program are to:

- prevent youth crime, violence, and gang involvement while developing a positive relationship among law enforcement, families, and young people to create safer communities;
- help prevent violence while developing a positive bond between law enforcement and youth during their early developmental years;
- enhance communities by strengthening families through engaging parents and youth in cooperative lessons designed to facilitate better communication among family members and improve family decision-making skills; and
- provide students with positive activities during the summer months and increase their opportunities for social, cognitive, and interpersonal growth.

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As a condition to receive the grant funding, the District committed an in-kind match of a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for three School Resource Officers, valued at \$25,920. Grant funds will be used to cover the balance of the salaries and fringe benefits of the three School Resource Officers, part-time hourly staff, out-of-county travel, laptops, supplies, contracted services, and student incentives.

Official notification of this grant award was received on June 16, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period.

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 Justice for funding the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program, in the amount of \$250,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;
2. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
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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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: Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2006 Ending June 30, 2007
(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							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	7,893.00*						7,893.00*
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	129,000.00	40,153.00	33,241.00		35,213.00	4,500.00	
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	250,000.00	129,000.00	40,153.00	33,241.00		35,213.00	4,500.00	7,893.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 7,893

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-83 Board Meeting of August 2, 2006
(Number) (Date)