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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) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FLORIDA INCREASING REFUGEE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a competitive grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) under the Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program in the amount of \$380,000, to fund Project Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education (RYSE) for the grant period of May 22, 2006, through October 16, 2006. The purpose of this program is to provide appropriate supplemental education opportunities for low-performing refugee youth, ages 16 to 18 who are enrolled in Hialeah-Miami Lakes Adult Education Center (36% of students are refugees) and South Dade Adult Education Center (13% of students are refugees) and their families in order to enhance the State's efforts to foster increased student achievement for all students. A refugee is defined in international law and in the Refugee Act of 1980 as a person who is outside of his or her country of nationality and who is unable or unwilling to return to the country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution, based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. This is the first year that Miami-Dade County Public Schools has received this grant, which is for a three-year program with funding contingent each year on performance outcomes. The grant will be managed by the Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages and supports the Superintendent's initiative of increasing academic achievement for all students.

Project RYSE will collaborate with faith and community-based organizations to conduct a community outreach campaign to identify refugee youth 16 to 18 who are potential high school dropouts or are currently enrolled in adult education high school programs. Project RYSE will provide assistance to the targeted group of under-served refugee youth and their families to increase academic achievement and high school graduation rate.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Grant funds will be used for full-time and part-time salaries, instructional materials, printing and duplicating, supplies, computer hardware and software, field trips, travel, and professional and technical contracted services, including contractual agreements with community-based and faith-based organizations. These groups will provide tutorial services as well as assistance in recruiting and identifying eligible refugee youth.

Official notification of this grant award was received on August 7, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective May 22, 2006.

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 Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program, in the amount of \$380,000, for the grant period of May 22, 2006, through October 16, 2006;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
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.

AMC:mgl

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: Project RYSE - Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education

Grant Period Beginning May 22, 2006 Ending October 16, 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								
SUPPORT SERVICES:									
Pupil Personnel Services	6100	342,986.00	155,280.00	42,891.00	43,150.00		70,545.00	31,120.00	
Instructional Media Services	6200								
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	6,000.00			6,000.00				
Instructional Staff Training	6400								
Board of Education	7100								
General Administration	7200	11,014.00*							11,014.00*
School Administration	7300								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400								
Fiscal Services	7500								
Food Services	7600								
Central Services	7700								
Transportation Services	7800	20,000.00			20,000.00				
Operation of Plant	7900								
Maintenance of Plant	8100								
Community Services	9100								
Debt	9200								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		380,000.00	155,280.00	42,891.00	69,150.00		70,545.00	31,120.00	11,014.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 11,014

Reviewed By 8/14/06 - Sent to JM-AE Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of September 13, 2006
 (Number) (Date)