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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), in the amount of \$1,172,309, for the grant period May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2010, to fund Project Counselors Helping Initiate Lifelong Development (CHILD), under the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Demonstration Program. The competitive grant award is based upon a districtwide needs assessment which identified six targeted schools in need of additional services to reduce bullying and violence, as well as to decrease the percentage of outdoor suspension rates among students. This program will be managed by the Division of Student Services.

The goal of Project CHILD is to provide bullying and violence prevention and early intervention services to students, training and technical assistance to elementary school counselors, and parent workshops at six targeted schools. The criteria for selection of schools includes the number of disruptive behavior incidents; risk factors e.g., number of outdoor suspensions; and low socio-economic factors of the schools' neighborhoods as well as a high student to counselor ratio.

Each targeted school will receive an additional guidance counselor; these six Project CHILD counselors will focus on assessing and counseling students to solve problems related to academic deficiencies, bullying, and problem behaviors which result in suspension from school. In addition, a counseling accountability system will be implemented to assist in monitoring student progress and the development of targeted strategies for corrective action plans. Project CHILD supports the District's School Wellness Policy.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. Funds will be used for salaries and fringe benefits for six guidance counselors, partial salary for a curriculum support specialist, contracted services, supplies, and travel.

Official notification of this grant award was received on May 3, 2007, 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 Education (USDOE) for funding under the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Demonstration Program in the amount of \$1,172,309, for the grant period of May 1, 2007, through April 30, 2010.
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.

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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: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Demonstration Program - Project CHILD

Grant Period Beginning May 1, 2007 Ending April 30, 2010
 (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	846,000.00	267,030.00	10,500.00		2,460.00		
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	46,319.00*						46,319.00*
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	1,172,309.00	846,000.00	267,030.00	10,500.00		2,460.00		46,319.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$46,319.00

Reviewed By Erin Smith
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of July 11, 2007
 (Number) (Date)