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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) ACT OF 2001, TITLE II, PART A, TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING FUND

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 Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the approximate amount of \$22,881,450, to fund the Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund was authorized for the purpose of improving teaching and learning by providing activities such as:

- recruiting and retaining highly-qualified teachers and school administrators;
- reducing class size, particularly in the early grades; and
- providing training and related activities that contribute directly to improving both teaching performance and student achievement.

This grant will be jointly managed by the Office of Professional Development, School Operations and Human Resources.

The grant program consists of three major components: Class Size Reduction; Recruiting, Retaining, and Training High Quality Teachers and Principals; and District priority initiatives.

This grant will fund activities such as:

- class-size reduction at schools with the grade of C, D, or F;
- professional development for teachers and school administrators and add-on and alternative certification programs for teachers;

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- activities targeting the provision of recruiting and retaining sufficient highly-qualified candidates for instructional and school administrator positions, with an emphasis on candidates from historically underrepresented populations;
- inservice training and follow-up services focused on improving teacher content knowledge and teaching practice in mathematics, science, reading, and writing, particularly at the elementary levels, with such training being of sufficient duration and intensity so as to have a lasting impact on teaching performance and student achievement;
- development and implementation of comprehensive new employee orientation, induction, and mentoring mechanisms intended to enhance recruitment and retention efforts;
- opportunities for instructional employees to pursue advanced degrees in areas of critical need, such as reading and dual-language instruction, as a means to address instructional staffing shortages and enhance pedagogical content knowledge;
- programs designed to assist paraprofessional employees with meeting educational compliance requirements under Section 1119, Title I, Part A; and
- professional development reforms that effectively address individual growth, enhanced content and pedagogical knowledge, reflective practice, and active mentoring within the context of improving student learning opportunities and outcomes.

The Title II, Part A, allocation for 2006-2007 was \$25,902,272, this years allocation is approximately of \$22,881,450 which represents a decrease of 12 percent.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds will cover salaries, contracted services, travel, printing and duplicating, supplies, equipment, stipends, and other costs associated with stipends and reimbursements for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals.

Official notification of this grant award is expected on or before September 11, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2007.

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 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund in the approximate amount of \$22,881,450, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008;
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: Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
 Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2007 Ending June 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	22,035,034.00	3,399,767.00	1,867,500.00		1,067,767.00	250,000.00	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	846,416.00*						846,416.00*
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	22,881,450.00	15,450,000.00	3,399,767.00	1,867,500.00		1,067,767.00	250,000.00	846,416.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$846,416.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-91 Board Meeting of July 11, 2007
 Division of Budget (Number) (Date)