

October 3, 2007

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC.; COALITION OF FLORIDA FARMWORKERS ORGANIZATION, INC.; TROY ACADEMY, INC.; AGAPE FAMILY MINISTRIES; FAMILY LIFE CENTER; FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI, INC.; READ 2 SUCCEED; LATIN AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INC.; MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE; KIDWORKS USA INC.; AND TRANSITION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$220,000

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has awarded Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), grant awards. School Operations will oversee implementation of these performance-based programs. The grants support projects that demonstrate effective practices and increased academic achievement as a result of research-based practices in adult education, workforce readiness, and family literacy. Each grant award targets a special needs population such as incarcerated youth, non-native English speakers, migrants, adult learners, and parents of school-aged children.

At the School Board meeting of October 17, 2007, Agenda Item C-82 (*Request Authorization To Accept Two Grant Awards From The Florida Department Of Education (FLDOE) For Funding Under The Adult Education And Family Literacy Act*) will be presented. Once approved by the Board, Agenda Item C-82 will allow for the acceptance of these grant awards in the total amount of \$3,200,000, to fund the Adult Education and Family Literacy Programs, from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

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The grant awards are as follows:

Grant Title	Grant Amount	Program Description
Adult Geographical	\$3,100,000	Instructional services for adult learners, primarily hard-to-serve populations, and non-native English speakers.
Corrections Education	\$100,000	Academic services for youthful offenders.
Total	\$3,200,000	

Under these initiatives, the FLDOE requires the District to form collaborative partnerships with community partners and provide a variety of services to meet the special needs of the learners. These community-based organizations (CBOs) have met and exceeded performance deliverables as required by the grant application.

Under separate contractual agreements, community-based organizations will provide services as follows: **ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.**, Mr. Raul Martinez, President & CEO, will provide literacy programs for Hispanic students in grades K-8 and their families; **Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc.**, Mr. Arturo Lopez, Executive Director, will provide homeless assistance for migrant workers in Florida City and Homestead, **Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.**, Ms. Marleine Bastien, Executive Director, will provide homeless assistance and immigration services for the Haitian community; **TROY Academy, Inc.**, Ms. Diane Payne, Executive Director, will provide special assistance to at-risk, adults and youth in the judicial system; **Miami Beach Police Athletic League**, Ofc. Harry Morgan, Executive Director, provide supplemental educational and recreational services to at-risk youth; **Read 2 Succeed**, Mr. David Castrillon, Executive Director, will provide a learning partnership in the community through reading and writing activities for adult learners and their families; **Transition, Inc.**, Ms. Virama Oller, Executive Director, provide job-training and placement for ex-offenders; **Latin American Foundation, Inc.**, Mr. Francisco Urraca, Executive Director, provide educational training, outreach and family literacy services to the community; **AGAPE Family Ministry**, Mr. Claudio Perez, Executive Director, will provide adult literacy services; **Family Life Center**, Ms. Esperanza Martinez, Executive Director, will provide adult literacy services to their community; and **KidWorks USA, Inc.**, Mr. William de la Sierra, President, provide supplemental educational services to students in grades K-6 and their families.

All collaborative partners were included as part of the grant proposal. The community-based organizations will enter into their contractual agreements with M-DCPS and payment will be rendered in several parts. The community-based organizations will receive fifty percent of their contracted amount during the first part of their contract and the remainder to be dispersed upon completion of the performance core measures and their contractual obligations.

In accordance with the terms of the grant applications, authorization is requested to enter into separate contractual agreements with the following community-based organizations for the total amount of \$220,000:

Community-Based Organizations (CBO)	Adult Geographical	Corrections Education	Total Award By CBO
ASPIRA	\$ 24,000		\$24,000
COFFO	\$ 24,000		\$24,000
Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.	\$ 24,000		\$24,000
TROY Academy, Inc.	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$12,000
MB - PAL	\$24,000		\$24,000
Kidworks USA, Inc.	\$24,000		\$24,000
Latin American Foundation, Inc.	\$24,000		\$24,000
Transition, Inc.	\$20,000		\$20,000
AGAPE	\$10,000		\$10,000
Family Life Center	\$10,000		\$10,000
Read 2 Succeed	\$24,000		\$24,000
TOTAL	\$215,000	\$5,000	\$220,000

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

1. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$220,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008 with:
 - a. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - b. Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - c. Farm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - d. TROY Academy, Inc.; in the total amount of \$12,000;
 - e. Miami Beach Police Athletic League, in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - f. Kidworks USA, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - g. Latin American Foundation, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
 - h. Transition, Inc. in the total amount of \$20,000;
 - i. AGAPE Family Ministry, in the amount of \$10,000;
 - j. Family Life Center, in the amount of \$10,000;
 - k. Read 2 Succeed, in the amount of \$24,000;
2. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; and
3. 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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