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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE SKILLS FOR ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND ENGLISH STUDIES (SAVES) ADULT REFUGEE PROJECT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$6,000,000, to receive funds for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the performance-based contract period of August 13, 2007, through August 12, 2008. The goal of the SAVES project is to provide English language and job training to eligible adult refugees and asylees. This contract will be managed by School Operations and supports the District's goal of ensuring achievement of high academic standards by all students.

The contract provides funds for the SAVES project which is in its eleventh year of operation in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program has served over 6,000 eligible refugees and asylees each of the past three years. An outside research study done by Dr. Douglas Smith, professor, at Florida International University found that SAVES clients out-performed the general adult population, particularly in job placement.

The project coordinator oversees services in 16 adult centers. SAVES clients are provided free English and academic classes as well as one year of vocational training. Other services include screening for eligibility, assessment of skills, placement in appropriate training programs, and provision of support services. In addition, on an as needed basis, clients receive support services, which include, childcare, scholarships, bus passes, textbooks, and referrals to employment services.

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Contract funds also provide for an instructional supervisor, three educational specialists, three teachers, a programmer, a fiscal assistant, and one clerical staff. No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the contract.

Official notification of this contract was received on August 22, 2007. Reimbursement of contract-related expenditures is authorized effective August 13, 2007.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families to receive funds in the amount of \$6,000,000, for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the contract period of August 13, 2007, through August 12, 2008;
2. retain funds from the contract in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate as allowed and approved by the Florida Department of Education;
3. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the contracting 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 contracting 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?

Non-Entitlement Grant Entitlement Grant

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: SAVES - Skills for Academic, Vocational, and English Studies

Grant Period Beginning August 13, 2007 (Date) Ending August 12, 2008 (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	5,375,068.00	2,905,389.00	652,019.00	71,784.00		826,960.00	16,000.00	902,916.00
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	47,820.00		47,820.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	188,920.00*						188,920.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800			262,800.00				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100			109,264.00				16,128.00
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	6,000,000.00	2,905,389.00	652,019.00	491,668.00		826,960.00	16,000.00	1,107,964.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$188,920.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

[Signature]
 Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-84 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007 (Date)
 (Number)