

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TWO GRANT AWARDS FROM AND ENTER INTO TWO SEPARATE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION TO FUND THE PARENT ACADEMY AND TO FUND THE CREATION OF THE EDUCATION COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL CITIES; AND TO ESTABLISH THE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION, A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT, 501(c) (3) DIRECT-SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS; ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS WITH FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES TO CREATE AND CONVENE THE EDUCATION COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL CITIES

Authorization is requested to accept two grant awards from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (Knight Foundation). One award, in the approximate amount of \$1,820,000, over three years is to fund The Parent Academy, for the grant period of October 1, 2007, through October 31, 2010. Funding will be awarded annually in the approximate amount of \$600,917, in year one; \$604,472, in year two, and \$614,611, in year three. An additional grant award from the Knight Foundation in the approximate amount of \$250,000, for the grant period of December 1, 2007, through August 30, 2008, is to fund the initial planning activities to create the Education Council of International Cities (ECIC), as well as hold its first strategic planning conference.

Grant funding for The Parent Academy supports the District's effort to educate a large, diverse student population by increasing parental involvement through program expansion. By offering classes to parents on such topics as homework assistance and setting a home learning environment, The Parent Academy engages parents in their children's academic life. Since August 2005, more than 85,000 certificates of completion have been awarded. This program will be managed by the Office of Community Services and addresses the District's goal to actively engage family and community members to become our partners in raising and maintaining high student achievement.

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The grant award for The Parent Academy stipulated the establishment of a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) to serve as a fiscal agent for District initiatives and other educational programs, as required. Therefore, authorization is requested to establish The Foundation for Education Innovation, a Florida not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Direct-Support Organization (DSO) by preparing and filing Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and by applying for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The mission of a DSO is to support academic achievement by receiving, holding, investing, and administering property and making expenditures to or for the benefit of public education programs in the District. The Board of Directors of the DSO will include the Chair of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, the Superintendent of Schools, the President of Miami-Dade Council PTA/PTSA, one designee from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and one business/civic member representing the largest donor of The Parent Academy. Any additional Directors will be brought to the School Board for approval before beginning their term of service.

The DSO will be organized and operated exclusively in accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 1B-1.08, School Board Direct-Support Organization, and Florida Statute §1001.453, Direct-Support Organization, regarding use of property, facilities, and personal services of the District, as well as employment, budget and audit oversight. The DSO is subject to the Sunshine Law and the Public Records Act (except for the identity of donors and any information identifying donors or prospective donors). The DSO will be a Florida corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and approved by the Florida Department of State and will comply with 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c) (3) for tax-deductibility of donations, and it will submit its federal Application for Recognition of Exemption (IRS Form 1023) and its Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (IRS Form 990), as required.

Grant funding for ECIC supports the District's efforts to improve the preparation of a large, diverse student population to successfully compete in the global arena. Through the establishment of ECIC, the District will reach beyond current state and national standards to identify and implement best practices in global education and teacher development. Implementation will include the creation of partnerships across the globe with the intent to raise standards and expectations of public education by integrating benchmarks for multiple language proficiency, standards for information and communication technology literacy, communication and cultural curriculum benchmarks, and more rigorous and relevant standards for mathematics, science and critical thinking. The ECIC will be managed by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services. ECIC addresses the District's strategic goals of ensuring achievement of high academic standards of all students and developing our students so that they are able to compete in the global economy.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive The Parent Academy and ECIC grant awards. Grant funds will cover part-time and full-time salaries and fringe benefits, contracted services, facilities rental, out-of-county travel, printing and duplicating, and other purchased services. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of The Parent Academy grant award was received on November 5, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2007. Official notification of the ECIC grant award was received on December 10, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective December 1, 2007.

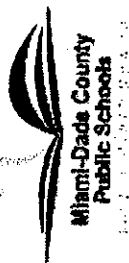
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from and enter into a Grant Agreement with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for funding The Parent Academy, in the approximate amount of \$1,820,000, over three years, for the grant period of October 1, 2007, through October 31, 2010;
2. accept a grant award from and enter into a Grant Agreement with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for funding the creation of the Education Council of International Cities (ECIC), in the approximate amount of \$250,000, for the grant period of December 1, 2007, through August 30, 2008;
3. extend these program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the programs;
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;
5. establish The Foundation for Education Innovation, a Florida not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) Direct-Support Organization, as provided by law and file any necessary paperwork on behalf of the Direct-Support Organization; and
6. approve the Board of Directors as recommended herein.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Yes No
 Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: John S. and James L. Knight Foundation - The Parent Academy

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2007 Ending October 31, 2010
 (Date) (Date)

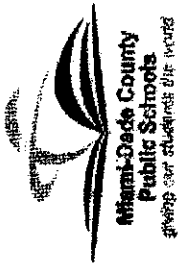
FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
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	1,289,430.00	352,226.00	149,000.00		29,344.00		
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1,820,000.00	1,289,430.00	352,226.00	149,000.00		29,344.00		

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By Engin Akbulut Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
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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: ECIC

Grant Period Beginning December 1, 2007 Ending August 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	108,000.00		108,000.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700	22,000.00		22,000.00				
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100	81,347.00	16,653.00	22,000.00				
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		250,000.00	81,347.00	16,653.00	152,000.00			

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Reviewed By Engelina Alvarez de Sauts
 Division of Budget

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