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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ) FOR FUNDING THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GREAT) 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 Justice (USDOJ), in the approximate amount of \$150,000, for the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program for the period of July 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009. The USDOJ, Office of Justice Programs, awards grants to implement the GREAT Program, which includes a research-based gang prevention curriculum. The GREAT Program will be administered in eight middle schools and fifteen elementary schools during the 2008-2009 academic year. The following schools will be provided services through this grant: Carol City Middle; Lake Stevens Middle; Parkway Middle; Norland Middle; Young Men's Academy (Mac Arthur North); North Dade Middle; Robert Renick Educational Center; and Young Women's Prep (new school). It will also include a summer program for students and an evening program for families. The schools were selected based on high percentage of at-risk students that have exhibited poor academic performance, high truancy rates, and that reside in neighborhoods with high incidences of crime and high gang activity. The program is managed by the Miami-Dade Schools Police and supports the District's safe schools initiative.

Objectives of the GREAT Program are to:

- provide youth training in the areas of decision-making, goal-setting and communication;
- prevent school and home-based violent crime by youth, prevent gang involvement while developing a positive relationship among law enforcement, families, and young people to create safer communities;
- enhance communities by strengthening families through engaging parents and youth in cooperative lessons designed to facilitate better communication among family members and improve family decision-making skills; and
- provide students with positive activities during the summer months while evaluating educational goals and objectives; to facilitate an overall increase in youth opportunities for social, cognitive, and interpersonal growth.

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As a condition to receive the grant funding, the District has committed an in-kind match of a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for two School Resource Officers, valued at \$16,667. Grant funds will be used to cover the balance of the salaries and fringe benefits of the two School Resource Officers, supplies, and student incentives.

Official notification of this grant award was received on August 26, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2008.

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

1. accept a grant award from the USDOJ for funding the GREAT Program, in the approximate amount of \$150,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009;
2. retain funds from the grant 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 program as authorized through official notification from the granting 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 granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

CJH/DB:ms

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: Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2008 Ending September 30, 2009
 (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	143,692.00	87,103.00	28,132.00	5,525.00		17,632.00	5,300.00	
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	6,308.00*						6,308.00*
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	150,000.00	87,103.00	28,132.00	5,525.00		17,632.00	5,300.00	6,308.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$6,308.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-86 Board Meeting of October 15, 2008
 Division of Budget (Number) (Date)