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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TWO GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to accept two grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), in the total amount of approximately \$282,500, to fund the Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program for the Life Skills Center of Opa-Locka Charter School and the Life Skills Center of Liberty City Charter School for the grant period of November 5, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

The FLDOE issued a Request for Applications under the 2006-2009 Charter School Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools partnering with local educational agencies in order to provide a high quality education for all students. Grant funds will be used to support planning, program design and implementation activities and to supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$282,500, will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Implementation Grant Period	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Net Grant Amount
Life Skills Center of Liberty City	November 5, 2008 – March 31, 2009	\$153,750	\$743	\$153,007
Life Skills Center of Opa-Locka	November 5, 2008 – March 31, 2009	\$128,750	\$2,119	\$126,631
TOTAL		\$282,500	\$2,862	\$279,638

Official notification of these grant awards was received on November 17, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective November 5, 2008.

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

1. accept two grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$282,500;
2. disburse grant funds in the approximate amount of \$153,007 to Life Skills Center - Liberty City, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center of Liberty City Charter School and \$126,631 to Life Skills Center - Opa-Locka, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center of Opa-Locka Charter School for the grant period of November 5, 2008, through March 31, 2009;
3. retain funds from the grants in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
4. extend these programs as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. direct Financial Services 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: LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF LIBERTY CITY

Grant Period Beginning November 5, 2008 Ending March 31, 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	153,007.00		153,007.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	743.00*						743.00*
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		153,750.00		153,007.00				743.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$743.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *Engin Akinci* Board Meeting of January 14, 2009
 Division of Budget *Stewart de Fruits* (Date)
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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: LIFE SKILLS CENTER OF OPA-LOCKA
 Grant Period Beginning November 5, 2008 Ending March 31, 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	126,631.00		126,631.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	2,119.00*						2,119.00*
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	128,750.00			126,631.00				2,119.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$2,119.00

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