

The Family Empowerment Project will utilize best practices and family engagement strategies that have been proven to be effective in strengthening, empowering and developing families and communities. Projects will be designed to serve parents of young children and adolescents, and promote the use of a variety of public services (educational, health, mental health, social services, recreational, etc.) that support child and youth development. Where applicable, projects may include family literacy building, health and wellness, support for parents, guardians and caregivers of children with special needs, and understanding age-appropriate learning behaviors for children.

The term of the proposal shall be for one (1) year from the date of award and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the awardees, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods and, if needed, ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the current contract period.

The Evaluation Committee met to evaluate the proposals received on May 12, 2014. Thirty-one (31) proposals were presented for consideration: 93rd Street Community Development Corporation, Inc.; Abstinence Between Strong Teens Int'l, Inc.; Abundant Living Citi Church, Inc., d.b.a. City Church; AIMM Higher, Inc.; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc.; Branches, Inc.; Chapman Partnership; CMB Visions Unlimited, Inc.; Communities in Schools of Miami, Inc.; Concerned African Women, Inc.; ConnectFamilias, Inc.; Cool Kids Learn, Inc.; EnFamilia, Inc.; Family & Children Faith Coalition, Inc., d.b.a. Hope For Miami; Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.; Florida Venture Foundation, Inc.; Gang Alternatives, Inc.; Le Jardin Community Center, Inc.; Mexican-American Council, Inc.; Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services, Inc.; Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Our Child Care, Inc., d.b.a. Our Little Ones Learning Center; Overtown Youth Center, Inc.; Pierre Toussaint Leadership & Learning Center, Inc.; Prosperity Social & Community Development Group, Inc.; Read2Succeed, Inc.; Sundari Foundation, Inc., d.b.a. Lotus House Women's Shelter; The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.; The Hawn Foundation; Touching Miami with Love Ministries, Inc.; and Urgent, Inc. After considerable discussion and deliberation, the Committee unanimously recommended the twelve (12) proposers listed in the recommendation.

Fund Source

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, AUTHORIZE the Superintendent of Schools, to enter into contractual services agreements between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Abundant Living CITI Church, Inc., d.b.a. CITI Church; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc.; Branches, Inc.; ConnectFamiliias, Inc.; EnFamilia, Inc.; Fanm Ayisyen Miyami (FANM), Inc.; Le Jardin Community Center, Inc.; Mexican American Council, Inc.; Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.; Overtown Youth Center, Inc.; The Center for Family and Child Enrichment, Inc.; and Touching Miami with Love Ministries, Inc., pursuant to Request For Proposals No. 023-PP10 – MILLION DOLLAR COMMUNITY LITERACY CHALLENGE – FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT, to provide quality parent-support programs in Miami-Dade County, that address M-DCPS goals and objectives, to create better outcomes for the District's children and their families, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. ABUNDANT LIVING CITI CHURCH, INC.
D.B.A. CITI CHURCH
3001 N.W. 22 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33142
DIANNA RIVERA, VICE PRESIDENT
2. BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.
701 S.W. 27 AVENUE, SUITE 800
MIAMI, FL 33135
LYDIA I. MUNIZ, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
3. BRANCHES, INC.
11500 N.W. 12 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33168
BRENT MCLAUGHLIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT
4. CONNECTFAMILIAS, INC.
1111 S.W. 8 STREET, SUITE 207
MIAMI, FL 33130
BEATRIZ ALONSO, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
5. ENFAMILIA, INC.
16090 S.W. 293 DRIVE
HOMESTEAD, FL 33033
CARLOS E. SALGADO, DIRECTOR

6. FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI (FANM), INC.
181 N.E. 82 STREET, SUITE 101
MIAMI, FL 33138
MARLEINE BASTIEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
7. LE JARDIN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.
177 WEST MOWRY DRIVE
HOMESTEAD, FL 33030
EDUARDO BERRONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
8. MEXICAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.
151 N.W. 11 STREET, SUITE E400
HOMESTEAD, FL 33030
MARIA C. GARZA, PRESIDENT
9. MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
IMPAIRED, INC.
601 S.W. 8 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33130-3209
VIRGINIA A. JACKO, PRESIDENT/C.E.O.
10. OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER, INC.
450 N.W. 14 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33136
TINA BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND CHILD
ENRICHMENT, INC.
1825 N.W. 167 STREET, SUITE 102
MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33056
DELORES T. DUNN, C.E.O.
12. TOUCHING MIAMI WITH LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.
711 N.W. 6 AVENUE
MIAMI, FL 33136
JASON B. PITTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
13. Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase
up to the total estimated amount of \$600,000, for the initial
contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for
each subsequent extension. Board authorization of this
recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be
expended.