

January 26, 2000

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH JOBS FOR FLORIDA'S GRADUATES, FOR CONTINUATION FUNDING WITH THE REIMBURSABLE COST PERIOD, JANUARY 1, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2000

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) was invited to participate as a state pilot site for the Jobs for Florida's Graduates (JFG) Program. JFG is a division of the Jobs for America's Graduates, a national initiative whose purpose is to work with students in grades 8-12 to provide them with the employability skills needed to enter the workplace. The Department of School Improvement and School-To-Career Initiatives in the Bureau of Elementary, Secondary, and Workforce Development Education is responsible for coordinating the project and for overseeing its implementation. During the 1998-99 pilot year, JFG targeted high school seniors for an 18-month Senior Program. Miami Jackson Senior High School and Miami Springs Senior High School were targeted because of their high-risk student clusters within their general populations. JFG is now in the second year of operation in the two pilot school sites.

JFG seeks to expand the program within M-DCPS by adding ten additional job specialist positions. Positions will be established under the grant program at the following schools: American (1), Barbara Goleman (2), Hialeah (1), Miami Central (1), Miami Edison (2), Miami Jackson (1), Miami Springs (1), and Miami Norland (1) Senior High Schools. The schools were selected for program participation because they were designated Level 2 or less by the Florida System of School Improvement and Accountability, the statewide grading system for school performance. Each school will target up to 50 at-risk students for participation in the JFG program.

The job specialists will provide students with classroom instruction in employability skills and will secure employment opportunities for the targeted students. Additionally, the job specialists are responsible for entering data into the state's tracking system for JFG graduates and for tracking the job placement and progress of the students during the 18 months after graduation.

Funds requested, in the amount of \$250,000, will cover the partial (6 months) salaries for the job specialists, travel, student transportation, and supplies.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on December 17, 1999. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from January 1, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept a grant award from and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jobs for Florida's Graduates, for continuation funding, in the amount of \$250,000, with the reimbursable cost period, January 1, 2000 - June 30, 2000; and
2. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.



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: Jobs for Florida's Graduates

Grant Period Beginning January 1, 2000 Ending June 30, 2000
(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	165,000	68,745	5,000			11,255	
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							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	250,000	165,000	68,745	5,000			11,255	

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-4 Board Meeting of February 9, 2000
(Number) (Date)