

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE MIAMI-DADE YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE AT NARANJA AND LINDA LENTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS; PROJECT CYCLE: SEPTEMBER 14, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2001

On February 27, 1997, the Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County, created the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force to address issues involving violence and crime perpetrated by juveniles in the South Florida community. The Task Force identified the following five priority areas: Funding and Legislation; Public Health and Safety; Education and Prevention; Intervention and the Justice System; and Model Programs. Funding was appropriated from Miami-Dade County's FY97-98 Adopted Budget to support the Youth Crime Prevention Initiative.

Naranja and Linda Lentin Elementary Schools were selected through a competitive process to implement the Early Instruction to Improve Academic Performance Initiative. The schools provide after-school and weekend tutoring, conflict resolution, and counseling for children. The target population in each school includes children in kindergarten through fourth grade who are at high risk for academic failure, delinquency and violence.

Authorization to extend the existing contract with Miami-Dade County through June 22, 2001 is requested. The extension will enable the schools to continue providing services to the children until the end of the school year.

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

1. extend a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County for the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Prevention Initiative at Naranja and Linda Lentin Elementary Schools; Project Cycle: September 14, 1998 through June 22, 2001;
2. extend this contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency; if deemed necessary, in order to complete the scope of the project; and
3. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.