

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO FUND THE CREATING A NETWORK OF SISTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM; PROJECT CYCLE: AUGUST 10, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

The State Department under the Freedom Support Act of 1992, has issued a Request for Proposals for short-term reciprocal exchanges of students, ages 14 to 18, to link a network of secondary schools in the United States with a network of schools in one or more of the Newly Independent States (NIS), formerly the Soviet Union.

From 1991 to 2001, Virtual Adult Registration (Miami Carol City Adult Education Center) has been awarded USIA grants, in the total amount of \$1,724,818. Under this funding initiative, schools in Florida have been linked with schools in the NIS to implement joint educational projects. The projects have been related to environmental issues, mutual understanding, the use of electronic mail to further mutual understanding, and to develop a bilingual health education booklet. An additional priority has been to expand the number of schools involved in the program.

For the 2001-2002 school year, the project will link seven schools in South Florida with seven schools in Baku, Azerbaijan. The long-term goal of this program is development of open, democratic societies in the NIS. During the school year, the students will focus on health education by promoting awareness of good health practices and by participating in community service activities. As part of the project, approximately 64 students and 8 educators, as escorts, will participate in reciprocal exchange visits to their partners' schools. Participating schools will plan visits with schools in the feeder pattern.

The paired schools have business partners who will provide in-kind contributions, i.e., tickets to cultural events, sightseeing tours, and receptions.

Grant funds in the amount of \$146,000 will be used to cover the cost of participants' travel, meals, hotel accommodations, salaries and supplies.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept a grant award from and enter into a contractual agreement with the State Department of the United States, in the amount of \$146,000, to fund the Creating a Network of Sister Schools program; Project Cycle: August 10, 2001 through June 30, 2002;
2. extend this grant award, 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.

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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Creating a Network of Sister Schools Program

Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning August 10, 2001 Ending June 30, 2002  
(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	600	103	142,264		2,665		
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	368*						368*
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	146,000	600	103	142,264		2,665		368

\* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 368

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]  
Division of Budget

Agenda Item F-11 Board Meeting of August 22, 2001  
(Number) (Date)