

October 10, 2001

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH KEYS GATE CHARTER SCHOOL; MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM; AND NORTHEAST ACADEMY; PROJECT CYCLE: FROM JULY 30, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Public Charter Schools Federal 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. The Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program provides funds only to those charter schools which have an approved application by the local school district, and which have established a collaborative partnership for the oversight and operation of the charter school. Funds received from this grant will be used to improve the quality of education, support planning activities, and supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Keys Gate Charter School, Miami Children's Museum, and Northeast Academy submitted grant applications to support the operation of charter schools. The charter schools received the following funding amounts:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount Of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Keys Gate Charter School	Planning	\$10,000	\$366	\$9,634
Miami Children's Museum	Planning	\$10,000	\$366	\$9,634
Northeast Academy	Start-up	\$70,000	\$2,562	\$67,438

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS will be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools. Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into separate contractual agreements as indicated above with each charter school. Each charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds.

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Official notification of this grant award was received on September 14, 2001, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 30, 2001.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program; and authorize to enter into separate contractual agreements with Keys Gate Charter School, in the amount of \$9,634; Miami Children's Museum, in the amount of \$9,634; and Northeast Academy, in the amount of \$67,348; Project Cycle: July 30, 2001 through December 31, 2001;
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 fully expend the grant award and thus 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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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: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning July 30, 2001 (Date) Ending December 31, 2001 (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	86,706			86,706				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	3,294*							3,294*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	90,000			86,706				3,294

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 3,294

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By S. Cohen
Division of Budget

Agenda Item F-19 Board Meeting of October 24, 2001 (Date)
(Number)