

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TRANSMITTER FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RADIO STATION WLRN-FM, PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 1, 2001 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2003

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate WLRN-FM. WLRN-FM public radio is the only affiliate in South Florida, serving approximately 3.9 million listeners from southern Palm Beach County to the Monroe County line. WLRN applied for funds to replace its obsolete 18-year old transmitter. Because the equipment has been working continuously for almost two decades, it is beginning to display signs of equipment fatigue, such as, electrical "arc overs" and frequent outages. The manufacturer, CSI Electronics, Inc, is no longer in business and spare parts are available only through salvaging parts from other transmitters. The transmitter will provide for the continuation of reliable radio broadcasting services.

WLRN is eligible for a Public Telecommunications Facilities Program and National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant award in the amount of \$59,121, of which \$29,560 is provided from the grant, and \$29,561 is provided as a match from the Florida Department of Education. These funds will be used to purchase and install the radio transmitter and spare module at the transmitter site.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on October 15, 2001, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from October 1, 2001. Delay in submission of the Board Item is due to the resolution of identifying an external funding source as a match for the grant.

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 National Telecommunications and Information Administration, in the amount of \$29,560, and the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$29,561, for a total of \$59,121 for funding the replacement of the transmitter for Miami-Dade County Public Schools radio station WLRN-FM; Project Cycle: October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2003;
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. direct 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: WLRN-FM Replacement Transmitter Project

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2001 Ending March 31, 2003
 (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							
Instructional Media Services.....	6200	59,121					59,121	
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	59,121						59,121	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By [Signature]

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Division of Budget _____ Agenda Item B-69 Board Meeting of May 15, 2002
 (Number) (Date)