

June 7, 2002

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: FEBRUARY 21, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; MATER ACADEMY EAST CHARTER SCHOOL, MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, AND SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY; PROJECT CYCLE: FEBRUARY 14, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; KEYS GATE CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: APRIL 12, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; MIAMI SHORES/BARRY UNIVERSITY CONNECTED LEARNING CENTER; PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 15, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002; AND VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL; PROJECT CYCLE: APRIL 23, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

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 been approved by the local school district, and which have established a collaborative partnership for the oversight and operation of the charter schools. 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), Downtown Development Authority Charter School, Keys Gate Charter School, Mater Academy East Charter School, Mater Academy Charter High School, Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Center, Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, and Vankara Academy Charter School submitted grant applications to support their school operations. It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following funding amounts:

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Charter School	Grant Type	Amount Of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Downtown Development Authority Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Keys Gate Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Mater Academy East Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Mater Academy Charter High School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Vankara Academy Charter School	Start-up	\$150,000	\$5,296	\$144,704
Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Center	Dissemination	\$25,000	\$884	\$24,116

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into separate contractual agreements with each of the aforementioned charter schools for the amounts indicated. Each charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on April 18, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning February 14, 2002 through September 30, 2002 for the start-up grants; and October 15, 2001 through June 30, 2002 for the dissemination grant.

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, in the total amount of \$925,000, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with Downtown Development Authority Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; Project Cycle: February 21, 2002 through September 30, 2002; Mater Academy East Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; Mater Academy Charter High School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; and Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; Project Cycle: February 14, 2002 through September 30, 2002; Keys Gate Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; Project Cycle April 12, 2002 through September 30, 2002; Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Center, in an amount not to exceed \$24,116; Project Cycle: October 15, 2001 through June 30, 2002; and Vankara Academy Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$144,704; Project Cycle: April 23, 2002 through September 30, 2002;
2. approve acceptance of these grant awards in accordance with Florida Statutes 228.056, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
3. extend these grant awards and contractual agreements, 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 awards and thus complete the scope of the projects; and
4. 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: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning October 15, 2001 Ending September 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	892,340			892,340				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								32,660*
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	925,000			892,340				32,660

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 32,660

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-65 Board Meeting of June 19, 2002
(Number) (Date)