

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AMENDED 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 ASPIRA EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL; THE MIAMI DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTH COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL; THE MIAMI DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF NORTHEAST ACADEMY, PROJECT CYCLE: AUGUST 19, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

At the School Board Meeting of October 23, 2002, the Board approved acceptance of grant funds in the total amount of \$450,000, (\$150,000 per school), under the Public Charter Schools Grant Program. Of this amount, indirect cost of \$5,324 was retained by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), with a proposed contracted amount of \$144,676, per school. Additional funds in the amount of \$249,450, (\$83,150 per school), were then awarded for the program on October 8, 2002. Of this amount, indirect cost of \$8,275 was retained by M-DCPS, with an amended contract amount of \$224,875, per school.

Charter School	Original Amount to M-DCPS	Proposed Contract Amount	Increase in Contract Amount	Amended Contract Amount
ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School	\$150,000	\$144,676	\$80,199	\$224,875
North County Charter School	\$150,000	\$144,676	\$80,199	\$224,875
North East Academy	\$150,000	\$144,676	\$80,199	\$224,875

**GOOD CAUSE  
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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 grants 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 the aforementioned charter schools for the amended amounts indicated. The charter schools will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in their respective grant applications and expending the grant funds.

Official notification relative to these amended grant awards was received on October 8, 2002. The budget period for these grant awards allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from August 19, 2002.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda in order for the schools to receive their critically needed funds as soon as possible to continue to operate efficiently.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept the amended grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$699,450, for funding under the Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with ASPIRA Eugenio Maria De Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$224,875; The Miami Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of North County Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$244,875; The Miami Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Northeast Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$224,875. Project Cycle: August 19, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. approve acceptance of these amended 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 amended 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 amended amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/MB:ccs

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?  
 Yes  No  
 Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program

Grant Period Beginning August 19, 2002 Ending June 30, 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	674,625			674,625				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	24,825*							24,825*
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	699,450			674,625				24,825

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 24,825

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-65 Board Meeting of December 11, 2002  
 (Number) (Date)