

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA BOYS CHOIR, INC. AND THE FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE MALE EXPLORERS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS, PROJECT CYCLE: JANUARY 16, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Pursuant to the application, review, and selection process for the 2002-2003 Title V Innovative Programs Competitive grants, the South Florida Boys Choir, Inc. and the Florida Memorial College Male Explorers Program were selected as the two community-based organizations to receive contracts in the amount of \$19,000 each. The funds will be used to defray expenses to provide program services for at-risk students. The selection of Title V Innovative Programs Competitive grant winners was made by a grant selection committee composed of business executives and administrators chosen by members of the Superintendent's Executive Staff. In addition to the two community-based organizations, 20 schools will receive Title V grant funds.

Elementary, middle, and high school students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools will participate in the South Florida Boys Choir, Inc. and the Florida Memorial College Male Explorers Program.

The grant review process was completed on December 9, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with the South Florida Boys Choir Inc., in the amount of \$19,000, and the Florida Memorial College Male Explorers Program, in the amount of \$19,000, to provide funds for program services to improve the academic, social and cultural achievement for at-risk students, Project Cycle: January 16, 2003 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend these contractual agreements, at no additional cost, for a maximum of one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant awards and complete the scope of the projects; 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.

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