

June 16, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FOR FUNDING THE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL POLICING ACTIVITIES PROJECT

Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) was awarded \$1 million in federal funds to enhance technology equipment for school policing activities under the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

The overall goal of the School Policing Activities Project is to increase the efficiency of M-DSPD through the use of new technology/equipment that will allow officers to spend more time engaged in community/school policing activities.

The M-DSPD will develop a Police Communications Center and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that allows emergency operations and communications to be augmented, assisted, or partially controlled by an automated system. The objectives of a centralized Police Communication Center and CAD system include:

- Streamline the process of calls for service from the public and improve the ability to handle peak call loads.
- Increase officer productivity and provide better resource management.
- Enhance officer safety with detailed information on call locations.
- Simplify the unit status monitoring function and relieve telecommunications of some of the workload by supporting direct entry of status information from the field.
- Provide accurate, up-to-date information for management control.

**GOOD CAUSE
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The grant also provides for wireless applications to assist foot patrol officers assigned to school sites. The wireless handheld computers will allow authorized users access to a fixed subset of inquiries to state and federal databases such as Vehicles, Driver's Licenses, People, Articles, Guns, Boats and Messaging via an application called Pocket-Cop. Long-term applications include use of the handheld computer as a wireless phone, GPS tracking of the unit during emergency situations, online daily activity worksheets and wireless access to online law enforcement databases.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$1 million will be used for equipment.

Official notification of this grant award was received on February 25, 2003. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2003.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda in order for the district to meet the manufacturing deadline for a technology equipment order of this magnitude. The sole manufacturer has advised that any delay would likely prevent shipment to the district within the grant period.

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

1. accept a grant award in the amount of \$1 million from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for funding the technology equipment for the School Policing Activities Project for the grant period of July 1, 2003 through August 31, 2003;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the grant agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Technology Equipment for School Policing Activities Project

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2003 Ending August 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								
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	1,000,000						1,000,000	
Maintenance of Plant.....	8100								
Community Services	9100								
Debt.....	9200								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		1,000,000						1,000,000	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By *Jm W Byes*
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-67 Board Meeting of June 18, 2003
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