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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR  
FUNDING THE CHALLENGE GRANT COLLABORATIVE  
CURRICULUM PROJECT AT LUDLAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Under the General Appropriation Act, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) authorizes funding through a competitive grant process for eligible agencies to provide services that support the Challenge Grant Collaborative Curriculum Project. Ludlam Elementary School was awarded the grant to supplement their "Habitat-Based Learning Center Project."

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the Challenge Grant Collaborative Curriculum Project for the grant period of April 1, 2005, through June 30, 2005.

The purpose of this program is to redesign innovatively the curriculum to accelerate and promote problem-based science instruction for gifted students through the planning, development, and implementation of a habitat-based learning center and environmental library at Ludlam Elementary School. Ludlam Elementary School has solicited the assistance of a post-doctoral research associate with the University of Miami to assist with the development of the curriculum. The habitat-based learning center will serve as a resource for the over 200 culturally diverse gifted students in the school's full-time gifted program in kindergarten through grade five. The implementation of this program will increase the academic performance of gifted students in science, mathematics, and language arts curriculum.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 will be used for hourly personnel to redesign curriculum, scientific supplies kits, library reference books, and lab cart equipment. Indirect cost is not allowed.

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Official notification of this grant award was received on May 17, 2005, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective April 1, 2005.

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

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education for funding a Challenge Grant Collaborative Curriculum Project in the total amount of \$10,000 for the grant period of April 1, 2005, through June 30, 2005;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC:mgl

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: 2005 Challenge Grants for the Gifted Collaborative Curriculum Projects  
 Ludlam Elementary School  
 Grant Period Beginning April 1, 2005 Ending June 30, 2005  
 (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	7,600.00					1,360.00	6,240.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	1,267.00	233.00					
Instructional Staff Training	6400			900.00				
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							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>1,267.00</b>	<b>233.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>		<b>1,360.00</b>	<b>6,240.00</b>	

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of June 15, 2005  
 (Date)