

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC.; COALITION OF FLORIDA FARMWORKERS ORGANIZATION, INC.; FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI, INC.; MIAMI DADE COLLEGE; LATIN AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INC.; MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE; KIDWORKS USA INC.; LATIN AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INC.; AND TRANSITION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$446,190

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has awarded Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), continuation grant awards. School Operations will oversee implementation of these performance-based programs. The grants support projects that demonstrate effective practices and increased academic achievement as a result of research-based practices in adult education, workforce readiness, and family literacy. Each grant award targets a special needs population such as incarcerated youth, non-native English speakers, migrants, adult learners, and parents of school-aged children.

At the School Board meeting of November 21, 2006, Item C-88 (*Request Authorization To Accept Nine Continuation Grant Awards From The Florida Department Of Education (FLDOE) For Funding Under The Adult Education And Family Literacy Act*) was presented and approved by the Board. Agenda Item C-88 approved a total of \$4,121,456 to fund the Adult Education and Family Literacy Programs, from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

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The grant awards are as follows:

Grant Title	Grant Amount	Program Description
Adult Geographical (4 th year)	\$1,879,173	Instructional services for adult learners, primarily hard-to-serve populations, and non-native English speakers.
English Literacy & Civics Education (4 th year)	\$1,390,155	Academic services for adults not proficient in English.
English Literacy & Civics Education (Continuation)	\$527,128	Comprehensive family literacy services for adults not proficient in English.
Corrections Education (Continuation)	\$75,000	Academic services for youthful offenders.
Front Porch Opa Locka (Continuation)	\$75,000	Social, educational and community technology services for the Opa Locka/North Dade Community.
Front Porch Riverside (Continuation)	\$50,000	Social, educational and community technology services for the Riverside Community.
Middle School Literacy (Corrections)	\$50,000	Academic and literacy skills services for at-risk middle school students and their parents.
Senior Adult Learner (Continuation)	\$50,000	Instructional services for senior adult learners, primarily hard-to-serve populations, and non-native English speakers in areas of adult education.
Community Technology Literacy (Continuation)	\$50,000	Comprehensive social and educational services for adults and children through the use of technology.
Total	\$4,121,456	

Under these initiatives, the FLDOE requires the District to form collaborative partnerships with community partners and provide a variety of services to meet the special needs of the learners. These community-based organizations (CBOs) have a proven track record with M-DCPS. Each CBO was chosen because it has existing programs that serve the target populations as identified in the original Request for Proposal.

Under separate contractual agreements, community-based organizations will provide services as follows: **ASPIRA of Florida, Inc.**, Mr. Raul Martinez, President & CEO, will provide literacy programs for Hispanic students in grades K-8 and their families; **Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc.**, Mr. Arturo Lopez, Executive Director, will provide homeless assistance for migrant workers in Florida City and Homestead.

Additional collaborative partnerships are established with **Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.**, Ms. Marleine Bastien, Executive Director, will provide homeless assistance and immigration services for the Haitian community; **Miami Dade College-Kendall Campus**, Dr. Jeffrey Lukenbill, Campus President, will provide literacy programs for ESOL population, as well as GED programs; **Miami Beach Police Athletic League**, Ofc. Harry Morgan, Executive Director, provide supplemental educational and recreational services to at-risk youth; **Transition, Inc.**, Ms. Virama Oller, Executive Director, provide job-training and placement for ex-offenders; **Latin American Foundation, Inc.**, Mr. Francisco Urraca, Executive Director, provide educational training, outreach and family literacy services to the community; and **KidWorks USA, Inc.**, Mr. William de la Sierra, President, provide supplemental educational services to students in grades K-6 and their families.

In accordance with the terms of the grant applications, authorization is requested to enter into separate contractual agreements with the following community-based organizations for the total amount of \$446,190:

Community-Based Organizations (CBO)	Adult Geographical (3 rd year)	Roll Forward	English Literacy/ Civics Education (Cont.)	Roll Forward	English Literacy/ Civics Education (Cont.)	Roll Forward	English Literacy/ Civics Education (Cont.)	Roll Forward	Correction Education (Cont.)	Front Porch Opalocka (Cont)	Front Porch Riverside (Cont)	Middle School Literacy (Cont)	Senior Adult Learner (Cont)	CTL (Cont)	Total Award By CBO
ASPIRA	\$ 3,870	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$ 5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000								\$ 68,870
COFFO	\$ 1,935	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$24,000	\$ 10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000								\$ 75,935
Fann Ayisyan Nan Miyami, Inc.		\$24,000	\$10,000	\$24,000	\$ 10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000					\$1,650			\$ 79,650
MDC			\$20,000		\$5,000										\$ 25,000
MB - PAL		\$20,000											\$3,500	\$5,000	\$28,500
Kidworks USA, Inc.		\$20,805	\$20,000	\$24,715	\$20,000										\$85,520
Latin American Foundation, Inc.		\$18,715		\$20,000		\$10,000									\$48,715
Transition, Inc.		\$24,000			\$10,000										\$34,000
TOTAL	\$36,285	\$159,520	\$70,000	\$122,715	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$3,500	\$6,150	\$2,150	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$446,190

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

1. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$ 446,190 for the grant period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007 with:
 - a. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the total amount of \$68,870;
 - b. Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc., in the total amount of \$75,935;
 - c. Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc., in the total amount of \$79,650;
 - d. Miami Dade College, in the total amount of \$25,000;
 - e. Miami Beach Police Athletic League, in the total amount of \$28,500;
 - f. Kidworks USA, Inc., in the total amount of \$85,520;
 - g. Latin American Foundation, Inc., in the total amount of \$48,715;
 - h. Transition, Inc. in the total amount of \$34,000;
2. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; 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.

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