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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE SKILLS FOR ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND ENGLISH STUDIES (SAVES) ADULT REFUGEE PROJECT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families to receive funds in the approximate amount of \$15,200,000, for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the performance-based contract period of August 13, 2008, through August 12, 2010. Funds will be distributed in the approximate amount of \$7,600,000 per year for a two-year period. The goal of the SAVES project is to provide English language and job training to eligible adult refugees and asylees. This contractual agreement will be managed by School Operations and supports the District's goal of ensuring achievement of high academic standards by all students.

The contractual agreement provides funds for the SAVES Project which is in its thirteenth year of operation in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The program has served over 6,000 eligible refugees and asylees each of the past three years. An outside research study done by Dr. Douglas Smith, professor, at Florida International University found that SAVES clients out-performed the general adult population, particularly in job placement.

The project supervisor oversees services in 16 adult centers. SAVES clients are provided free English and academic classes as well as one year of vocational training. Other services include screening for eligibility, assessment of skills, placement in appropriate training programs, and provision of support services. In addition, on an as-needed basis, clients receive support services, which include, childcare, scholarships, bus passes, textbooks, and referrals to employment services.

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Contract funds cover salary and fringe benefits for an instructional supervisor, three curriculum support specialist specialists, three teachers, a programmer, a fiscal assistant, and one clerical staff; clients services; travel; other purchased services, educational supplies, and textbooks. No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the contract funds

Official notification of this contract was received on May 30, 2008. Reimbursement of contract-related expenditures is authorized effective August 13, 2008.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Children and Families to receive funds in the amount of \$15,200,000, year one funding in the amount of \$7,600,000, and year two funding in the amount of \$7,600,000, for the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Adult Refugee Project for the contract period of August 13, 2008, through August 12, 2010;
2. retain funds from the contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate as allowed and approved by the Florida Department of Education;
3. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the contracting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the contracting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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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: VOCATIONAL AND ENGLISH STUDIES (SAVES) ADULT REFUGEE PROJECT

Grant Period Beginning August 13, 2008 Ending August 12, 2010
 (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	6,693,402.00	3,125,198.00	698,579.00	119,820.00		1,035,300.00	33,143.00	1,681,362.00
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	94,800.00			94,800.00				
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	272,798.00*							272,798.00*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services	351,000.00			351,000.00				
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services	188,000.00			138,000.00				50,000.00
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	7,600,000.00	3,125,198.00	698,579.00	703,620.00		1,035,300.00	33,143.00	2,004,160.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$272,798.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Board Meeting of July 15, 2008
 (Date)

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