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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FLORIDA INCREASING REFUGEE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, INC. AND ARCHBISHOP CURLEY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to accept a continuation grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) under the Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program in the approximate amount of \$562,437, to fund Project Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education (RYSE) for the grant period of September 21, 2009, through August 14, 2010. The District will enter into contractual agreements with the Cuban American National Council, Inc. and Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School in amounts not to exceed \$20,000 each to provide summer enrichment programs for refugee students. The purpose of this program is to provide appropriate supplemental education opportunities for low-performing refugee youth, ages 5 to 18, who are enrolled in public and non-public schools with high percentages of refugee youth.

A refugee is defined as a person who is outside of his or her country of nationality and who is unable or unwilling to return to the country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution, based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

The grant will be managed by the Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards by all students. The project will include an expansion of supplemental services coordinated by Project RYSE mentors/coaches and a summer enrichment program. Services will be provided at targeted high schools and adult centers with high percentages of refugee youth, with supplemental services provided for refugee students from the feeder elementary and middle schools.

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Project RYSE will collaborate with community-based and faith-based organizations to conduct a community outreach campaign to identify eligible refugee youth and will provide assistance to the youth and their families in order to increase academic achievement and high school graduation rate.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Grant funds will be used for full-time salaries for mentors/coaches, part-time salaries, instructional materials, printing and duplicating, supplies, field trips, stipends, and contracted services, including required contractual agreements with community-based and faith-based organizations. These groups will provide summer enrichment programs for their learning communities tutorial services, as well as assistance in recruiting and identifying eligible refugee youth.

Official notification of this grant award was received on October 15, 2009. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 21, 2009.

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 (FLDOE) for funding under the Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program, in the approximate amount of \$562,437, for the grant period of September 21, 2009, through August 14, 2010;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements with the Cuban American National Council, Inc. and Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 each for the grant period of September 21, 2009, through August 14, 2010;
3. extend this program and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
4. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE; and
5. direct Financial Services 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 OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement

Grant Period Beginning September 21, 2009 Ending August 14, 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100	333,410.00	105,850.00	71,000.00		25,037.00	3,000.00	
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	24,140.00*						24,140.00*
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							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	562,437.00	333,410.00	105,850.00	71,000.00		25,037.00	3,000.00	24,140.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$24,140.00

Reviewed By *Ernesto Sanchez de Loma* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of December 9, 2009
 (Number) (Date)