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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO A GRANT AWARD WITH FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI, INC.; ENFAMILIA, INC.; BRANCHES, INC.; MEXICAN-AMERICAN COUNCIL, INC.; A WORTHY CAUSE, INC.; CONNECTFAMILIAS, INC.; SUNDARI FOUNDATION, INC.; READ 2 SUCCEED, INC.; FLORIDA VENTURES; THE ROCK FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER; PIERRE TOUSSAINT LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING CENTER; MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, INC.; QQ RESEARCH, INC.; BLACKBOARD CONNECT, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$329,000**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

The Florida Department of Education (FL-DOE) has awarded supplemental Adult Education and Family Literacy funding in the amount of \$2,814,113 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), to fund Adult Education and Family Literacy Programs from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. Authorization to receive this award will be provided under a separate Board item at the School Board meeting of October 14, 2015, Agenda Item E201, which supplies information on this award and various other grant awards.

The grant supports projects that demonstrate effective practices and increased academic achievement as a result of research-based practices in adult education, workforce readiness, and family literacy. The services by collaborative partners and the purchased services listed below were included as part of the continuation grant proposal.

Under this Adult Education and Family Literacy Act initiative, the FLDOE encourages the District to form collaborative partnerships with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that operate educational programs and offer appropriate services serving similar populations. School Operations will oversee implementation of performance-based supplemental services grants that meet the special needs of learners in these programs. The District requires CBOs that wish to participate to submit a Request for Information (RFI), Community-Based Organization Grant Partnership through the Office of Procurement Management.

The M-DCPS RFI process is based on criteria established by the FL-DOE pursuant to the state Request for Proposal for participation in grant activities, including the requirement to meet or exceed prior year performance deliverables. Each CBO grant award targets a special needs population such as non-native English speakers, migrants, adult learners, and parents of school-aged children. The CBOs identified below were selected pursuant to the RFI of March 12, 2014. CBO partners will enter into separate contractual agreements with M-DCPS and payment will be rendered in several parts. CBOs will receive fifty percent (50%) of the contracted amount during the first part of the contract, with the remainder to be dispersed upon completion of the performance core measures and contractual obligations.

Purchased services include professional development and strategic planning services provided in collaboration QQ Research, Inc., and Blackboard Connect.

In accordance with the terms of the grant applications, authorization is requested to enter into the following separate contractual agreements for the total amount of \$329,000:

Community-Based Organizations (CBO)	Award/Distribution of Funds	Services
Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides homeless assistance and immigration services for the Haitian community.
Read 2 Succeed	\$24,000	Provides a learning partnership in the community through reading and writing activities for adult learners and their families.
Florida Ventures	\$24,000	Recruits students for GED, ABE, ESOL, and Employability Skills classes. Provides job placement for students.
The Rock Family Community Center	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
Pierre Toussaint Leadership and Learning Center	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
enFamilia, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
Branches Florida City Adult Literacy Program	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.

Community-Based Organizations (CBO)	Award/Distribution of Funds	Services
Mexican-American Council, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
A Worthy Cause, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
ConnectFamiliias, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
Sundari Foundation, Inc.	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills.
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$24,000	Provides adult literacy services in a learning partnership in the community. Includes tutoring, literacy and life skills to blind and visually impaired Adult Students.
QQ Research, Inc. (Awarded through RFP)	\$15,000	Retention evaluation of Adult Education Students.
Blackboard Connect, Inc.	\$26,000	Instant messaging to Adult Students that increases retention rates.

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

1. enter into separate contractual agreements pursuant to an Adult Education and Family Services grant award in the total amount of \$329,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, with:
  - Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc., in the total amount of \$24,000;
  - Read 2 Succeed, in the amount of \$24,000;
  - Florida Ventures, in the amount of \$24,000;

- The Rock Family Community Center, in the amount of \$24,000;
  - Pierre Toussaint Leadership and Learning Center, in the amount of \$24,000;
  - enFamilia, Inc., in the amount of \$24,000;
  - Branches Florida City Adult Literacy Program, in the amount of \$24,000;
  - Mexican-American Council, Inc., in the amount of \$24,000;
  - A Worthy Cause, Inc., in the amount of \$24,000;
  - ConnectFamilias Inc.; in the of Amount of \$24,000;
  - Sundari Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$24,000;
  - Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, in the amount of \$24,000;
  - QQ Research, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000;
  - Blackboard Connect, in the amount of \$26,000.
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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