



October 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President
SUBJECT: Grants and Contracts - TCC as Fiscal Agent

Item Description:

This item requests that the Board approve the receipt of funding for the listed projects.

Overview:

The following are recommended for approval:

I. RECEIPT, AMENDMENT, EXTENSION OF RESOURCES

U.S.DOE – Fulfilling the Promise of Open Textbooks

The FDLC initiative will respond to a problem of national importance involving the escalating cost of textbooks, which now exceed the cost of tuition for students at many institutions. The project will develop and implement innovative strategies that foster the use of open access textbooks. The award amount is \$300,000, with an indirect rate of 8% MTDC (Modified Total Direct Cost). The project period will run from 10/01/2009 – 09/30/2011.

II. COMMITMENTS, EXPENDITURES, CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES

Women in Distress of Broward County: To fund program in which AmeriCorps members will work at increasing awareness of domestic violence and ways to reduce and prevent such violence. Period of funding is from 08/01/2009 through 08/31/2010. The funding amount is \$294,523.00, which represents an increase of \$45,036.00, in the sub-recipient contract.

Communities in Schools of Miami; Miami Reads!: To fund program in which AmeriCorps members provide individualized tutoring services to K-8 students and conduct community literacy workshops for parents and caregivers. Period of funding is from 08/01/2009 through 08/31/2010. The funding amount is \$427,737.00, which represents an increase of \$115,878.00, in the sub-recipient contract.

School Board of Gadsden County: AmeriCorps Gadsden Reads: To fund program in which AmeriCorps members will perform community outreach to recruit literacy volunteers, provide tutoring for elementary school students in literacy and reading comprehension in D and F level schools. Period of funding is from 08/01/2009 through 07/31/2010. The funding amount is \$491,073.00, which represents an increase of \$189,977.00, in the sub-recipient contract.

Trinity Church: To fund program in which AmeriCorps members will serve in Peacemaker Family Centers in after school programs. Period of funding is from 08/01/2009 through 08/31/2010. The funding amount is \$387,831.00.

Salient Facts:

The Board of Trustees has authority to contract with outside agencies for provider management.

Past Actions:

The Women in Distress of Broward County contract, the Communities in Schools of Miami: Miami Reads! contract, and the School Board of Gadsden County: AmeriCorps Gadsden Reads contract all were originally approved at the August 2009 Board meeting. All three contracts all had increases since they were approved. The increases are as follows: Women in Distress - \$45,036.00, Miami Reads! - \$115,878.00, and AmeriCorps Gadsden Reads - \$189,977.00.

Future Actions:

No further activity on the part of the Board is necessary.

Funding/Financial Matters:

The above items will be part of Fund 6, Agency Accounts. The potential indirect earned from the U.S.DOE – Fulfilling the Promise of Open Textbooks project is \$22,222.22 (maximum).

Staff Resource:

Teresa Smith

Recommended Action:

Approve U.S. DOE award and sub-recipient contracts as noted.