

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RSBM Board Item # FF- 1

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| Grant Program | United States Department of Health and Human Services: Head Start/Early Head Start Program – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Application |
| Status | One-time activities supplement |
| Funds Requested | \$614,800.00 (requested) |
| Financial Impact Statement | <p>The potential positive financial impact is \$614,800.00. The source of funds is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>An amount of \$614,800.00 is allocated from CARES Act Funding as a one-time activities supplement that will be used to purchase iPads for Head Start children and Early Head Start Teachers.</p> |
| Schools Included | <p>There are 51 school sites planned for the 2020/2021 school year:</p> <p>Elementary: Atlantic West, Bethune, Mary M.; Boulevard Heights; Broadview; Castle Hill; Colbert; Collins; Coral Springs; Cresthaven; Cypress; Davie; Deerfield Park; Dillard; Drew, Charles; Driftwood; Endeavour Primary; Fairway; Gulfstream Early Learning Center, King, Dr. Martin Luther Montessori Academy; Lake Forest; Larkdale; Lauderhill Paul Turner; Markham, C. Robert; McNab, Meadowbrook; Miramar; Morrow; North Fork; North Lauderdale; North Side; Oakland Park; Oriole; Park Ridge; Peters; Plantation; Pompano Beach; Quiet Waters; Riverland; Rock Island; Royal Palm; Sanders Park; Sheridan Hills; Sunland Park; Tamarac; Tedder; Thurgood Marshall; Village; Walker; West Hollywood; Westwood Heights; and Wilton Manors.</p> |
| Managing Department/School | Head Start/Early Intervention Department |
| Source of Additional Information | <p>1. Angela Iudica, Director – Head Start 754-321-1972</p> <p>2. Stephanie R. Williams, Director – Grants Administration & Government Programs (GAGP) 754-321-2260</p> |
| Project Description | <p>Through the CARES Act Funding of a one-time activities supplement, the Head Start/Early Head Start Program would reduce the strain on the technology infrastructure by purchasing iPads for each Head Start child and Early Head Start Teacher in the Head Start/Early Head Start program. This purchase would provide the needed resources and allow equal opportunity to all families and staff within the Head Start/Early Head Start Program to access virtual comprehensive services.</p> <p>The Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Program provides services to 2,120 children and their families.</p> |
| Evaluation Plan | Child engagement and attendance data for virtual learning is tracked through teacher entries on ChildPlus software, a Head Start data management system, while using online platforms for the HS/EHS programs. Reports are generated to include, but are not limited to, the percentage of HS/EHS children present during virtual teacher led lessons and contacts made by HS/EHS staff to families. |
| Research Methodology | Head Start/Early Head Start children are enrolled in the program based on poverty level and may not have access to the technology required to sustain remote learning. During the COVID-19 school closures technology was not available to the majority of the HS/EHS population. |
| Alignment to Strategic Goals | This grant supports District Strategic Plan Goal 1: High-Quality Instruction; Initiative 1: Achievement and Equity; Goal 2: Support Services for All; Initiative 2: Prevention, Intervention and Awareness, Initiative 3: Social Emotional Learning. |
| Level of Support provided by GAGP | (Level 1) GAGP staff were responsible for gathering application information from the department, formatting the executive summary for the Board agenda, preparing a hard copy of the file for record keeping, and tracking the grant through the grants management system. |