

ABSTRACT

Miami Dade College (MDC) Kendall Campus requests \$2,374,579 over a five-year project period (\$474,858 in project year one) for its School of Continuing Education and Professional Development to operate the Miami Dade College High School Equivalency Program (MDC HEP) project at Homestead Campus, in Homestead, Florida. The MDC HEP project will serve a minimum of **75 eligible seasonal and migrant farmworkers and/or their immediate family members** annually. Participants will be **commuters**. MDC HEP will provide intrusive academic, college, and career advisement and coaching; classroom instruction; tutoring; and cultural and educational activities. The following **objectives** will be achieved: 1) **69%** of HEP program exiters will receive a general educational development (HSE) diploma; and 2) **80%** of HEP general educational development (HSED) recipients will enter postsecondary education or training programs, upgraded employment, or the military. MDC's HEP will address Competitive Preference Priority 1 - Fostering Flexible and Affordable Paths to Obtaining Knowledge and Skills; and meets eligibility for Competitive Preference Priority 2 - Consideration of Prior Experience. Project **outcomes** are that 52 migrant or seasonal farmworkers or their immediate family members will receive a general educational development diploma and a minimum of 42 of these general educational development diploma recipients will continue on to postsecondary education or training, upgrade employment, and/or enlist in the military. MDC HEP will be offered at two sites – Homestead Campus and at the Everglades Community Association satellite location.