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CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH FLORIDA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

TALLAHASSEE, FL (September 19, 2011) – The Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) is proud to announce that its proposal for funding in the amount of \$569,000 from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has been approved. The project period runs from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.

The Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) is a non-profit organization that strives to provide unified leadership to advocate for the development, enhancement and sustainability of innovative, high quality afterschool programs and policies statewide. The organization's original funding was provided by the Mott Foundation in 2005.

“We are thrilled that the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation has decided to continue its relationship with the Florida Afterschool Network,” said Larry Pintacuda, executive director of FAN. “We are encouraged that the Foundation has confidence in our organization to advocate for quality afterschool program initiatives to children throughout the state of Florida.”

“Mott support for high-quality afterschool programs for Florida's K-12 students dates back to 1967, when the Foundation made its first grant to establish a regional center for community education in Boca Raton,” explains Gwynn Hughes, program officer for the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. “Like the afterschool organizations that preceded them, FAN is continuing the tradition of leveraging Mott's dollars effectively to increase the state's capacity to build state, regional and local partnerships as well as to secure resources to sustain afterschool

programs throughout Florida.”

Research confirms that kids in quality afterschool programs perform better in school, are more likely to graduate and become productive citizens. In addition, they are less likely to get in trouble with the law, become involved with gangs and utilize drugs and alcohol.

The mission of FAN is to provide unified leadership to advocate for the development, enhancement and sustainability of innovative, high quality afterschool programs and policies statewide. FAN believes that every child should have high quality afterschool programs available that are accessible, affordable, accountable and inclusive.

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