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Written analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

Item Number(s)

4(E)
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If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Guillermo Cuadra, Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-5469.

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 4(E)

File Number: 100145

Committee(s) of Reference: Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

Date of Analysis: February 4, 2010

Type of Item: Resolution Reallocating Unexpended Funds

Summary

This resolution requests Board of County Commission (Board) approval of the reallocation to Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) the unexpended balances of various competitively awarded Community Based Organization (CBO) grants and allocations from FY93-94 through FY08-09 that were originally allocated for park capital improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$158,886.

Background and Relevant Legislation

In the past, the Board has authorized MDPR to utilize unexpended balances of competitively awarded CBO grants. Since FY93-94, the Board has authorized the reallocation of unexpended balances of CBO grants four (4) times to include the following:

Resolution	Year	Total Reallocation
R-1016-05	2005	\$27,913
R- 590-04	2004	\$24,048
R-1039-02	2002	\$11,322
R-418-01	2001	\$160,669

Policy Change and Implication

In the past seventeen (17) years (FY93-94 through FY2010), the Board has only authorized reallocations for unexpended CBO funds four (4) times (as shown in the above table). The Board could consider

adopting legislation that would require MDPH to conduct periodic review of unexpended CBO funds for reallocation.

The previous four reallocations authorized by the Board reflect the unexpended balances categorized by Programming Grant Funding and Capital Improvements Funding, however, this resolution recommends the reallocation of \$158,886 for Capital Improvements. Will there be a follow up resolution requesting reallocation of unexpended CBO funds for Programmatic Grants?

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 4(F)

File Number: 100276

Committee(s) of Reference: Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee

Date of Analysis: February 8, 2010

Type of Item: Resolution

Commission Districts: 1, 4, 7 and 8

Summary

This resolution awards Safe Neighborhood Parks (SNP) Discretionary Interest Earnings, Recaptured Funds and Pre-Agreement Land Acquisition Funds in the amount of \$750,000 and Ratifying of the Submission of a Grant Application by Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department for Lakes by the Bay Park

Background and Relevant Legislation

The Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 1376-09 which awarded \$6,201,008 in SNP Discretionary and Land Acquisition Funds to specific entities. Additionally, R-1376 approved the following:

- County staff recommendation to not include \$346,100 in SNP funds to the Town because the Town owes the County approximately \$600,000 in Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program (QNIP) debt service payments;
- \$346,100 to be used for other Safe Neighborhood Park Projects included in the SNP0809 RFP applications list reviewed by the SNP Citizens Oversight Committee (COC); and
- Support the Town of Miami Lakes application if they satisfy their financial QNIP debt service payments.

At the December 16, 2009 SNP COC meeting, the COC awarded the Town of Miami Lakes (Town) \$346,100 of Discretionary Interest Earnings for Royal Oaks (\$200,000), Miami Lakes Park (\$46,100) and Sevilla Estates Park (\$100,000). However, at the December 1, 2009 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, staff was directed to hold any funds re-allocated to the Town in abeyance until such time as

a resolution of payment disputes between the County and the Town relating to QNIP funds were resolved.

On January 11, 2010, the Recreation, Culture & Tourism Committee made the following recommendations relating to the remaining SNP Discretionary Interest Earnings to include the following:

- Remove the \$750,000 award recommendation in SNP Discretionary Interest Earnings and Recaptures Funds to Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department for Countywide Portion of Lakes by the Bay Park;
- Move forward with the \$346,100 Discretionary Interest Earnings and Recaptured Funds to the Town contingent upon Resolution of Certain Payment Disputes between the County and the Town;
- Urge the SNP Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) to not disband and to re-evaluate the \$750,000 SNP Discretionary Interest Earnings and Recaptured Funds and reconsider the Lakes by the Bay Park (Countywide Portion) project and all other remaining project applications for recommendation of award; and
- The above-mentioned SNP COC re-evaluation process is carried out with the appropriate public hearing notices.

On January 29, 2010, the SNPCOC met to consider the entities and corresponding projects that applied for funding under RFP SNP0809 as well as Gwen Cherry's NFL YET Center project and the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department's Lakes by the Bay Park, countywide portion project, and will recommend the award of funds in the amount of \$1,250,000 among these entities.

The following SNPCOC final recommendations for the remaining SNP Discretionary Interest Earnings is as follows:

- \$500K for Gwen Cherry Foundation-Youth Center (R-165-10)
- \$344K for Lakes by the Bay
- \$172K for City of Miami-1814 Brickell Park
- \$127,182 for City of Miami Gardens-A.G King Park
- \$65K Haulover Park (Miami-Dade County)
- \$41,818 Sierra Park (Miami-Dade County)

Since 1996, The Safe Neighborhood Parks Citizen's Oversight Committee (SNPCOC) has approved a total of approximately \$212 million in grants to fund nearly 400 park projects.

Policy Change and Implication

On January 28, 2010, the Town of Miami Lakes Council approved a motion for the Town to enter into a settlement agreement with Miami-Dade to resolve its outstanding QNIP Debt Service payments and for the County to turn over all the Parks to the Town.

Fiscal Impact

The outstanding QNIP Debt Service payments owed by the Town to Miami-Dade County totals \$600,000. It is estimated that the incremental maintenance costs for the Lakes by the Bay Park is \$5,400 to be accommodated by the existing budget.

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