

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY

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To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Rescinding and Approving Grant Awards from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program to Sunrise Community, Inc., Miami Hispanic Ballet Theater, Inc., and Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners rescind three of the 37 grant awards previously approved by this Board as part of Resolution No. R-884-07 adopted on July 24, 2007. Resolution No. R-884-07 authorized the approval of grants from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program ("GOB") Project No. 223, titled "Not-for-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund," to 37 competitively selected, not-for-profit entities for specific projects. The three grant awards to be rescinded were to: 1) Sunrise Community, Inc. in the amount of \$395,560 for a property that was to be located at 10790 S.W. 184 Street in County Commission District 9; 2) Miami Hispanic Ballet Theater, Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 for a property that was to be located at 1307 S.W. 1 Street in County Commission District 5; and 3) Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$459,900 for a property that was to be located at 33 S.W. 31 Court in County Commission District 7.

Additionally, it is recommended that the Board approve three grant awards to: 1) Sunrise Community, Inc. in the amount of \$395,560 for the renovation of a property located at 11975 S.W. 140 Terrace in County Commission District 9; 2) Miami Hispanic Ballet Theater, Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 for the purchase of a property to be located in County Commission District 5; and 3) Citizens for a Better South Florida in the amount of \$459,900 for the purchase of a property to be located in County Commission District 7.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item is limited to projects funded by the BBC GOB Bond Program.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact on existing BBC GOB Bond Program allocations due to these modifications.

Track Record/Monitor

The implementing agency will be the County's Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), Johnny Martinez, Director.

Background

On November 2, 2004, voters overwhelmingly approved the referendum to fund more than 300 capital improvement projects throughout Miami-Dade County over the next 18-20 years. The \$30 million Not-For-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund is one of those projects.

On July 24, 2007, this Board approved grants to 37 not-for-profit entities totaling the full \$30 million in this Fund as a result of a competitive Request For Proposals process. Miami Hispanic Ballet Theater, Inc. and Citizens for a Better South Florida have not been able to purchase the

properties at the location they provided as part of their Request For Proposals submission package and Sunrise Community, Inc. did purchase the building at 11975 S.W. 140 Terrace, but the required renovations are much greater than anticipated and Sunrise Community, Inc. would like to use the GOB funds at an alternate location.

Approval of this recommendation will allow each entity to use the GOB funds at a different property location for their project, but limits that location to the original County Commission district that was previously approved by this Board. Grant Agreements with each entity will not be signed until a property address is identified. This Board will be notified of the physical property address chosen by each of the entities through the GOB Quarterly Report.

A brief description of each entity's proposed project is provided below:

- Sunrise Community, Inc. \$395,560

Project and Service Description:

Sunrise Community, Inc. will renovate their facility located at 11975 S.W. 140 Terrace that will provide an adult day training program. The facility will provide services to 145 individuals with developmental disabilities.

- Miami Hispanic Ballet Theater, Inc. \$500,000

Project and Service Description:

The Miami Hispanic Ballet will use GOB funds to purchase a property in County Commission District 5. Their mission is to encourage dance, support artistic and cultural diversity and to increase the opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience classical and contemporary dance forms. Since inception, the MHB has had to rent and receive in-kind support from various private and public entities. The purchase of a facility would provide a permanent home in the further pursuit of its mission. The facility/cultural center will teach dance and will offer theater productions, workshops and dance performances. The target market will be the large Hispanic population (adult and youth) from Miami-Dade County.

- Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc. \$459,900

Project and Service Description:

Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc. will purchase a building that will be used as a primary office, community native plant nursery, neighborhood community science workshop after school program, and a sustainable demonstration building. They will provide environmental awareness, outreach, and educational programs and opportunities to multi-cultural and multi-lingual residents in Miami-Dade County.