



MEMORANDUM

Supplement to  
Agenda Item No. 11(B)3

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TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 27, 2004

FROM: George M. Burgess  
County Manager

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information for the Senior L.I.F.T. Center, Inc. Report

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The attached supplemental information related to the Senior L.I.F.T. Center, Inc report. The information includes a letter from the agency dated June 28, 2004 and a letter sent to the agency from the County Manager dated June 24, 2004.

Assistant County Manager

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SENIOR **LIFT** CENTER, INC.  
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A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

June 28, 2004

George M. Burgess, County Manager  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Burgess:

On behalf of the Board and members of the Senior LIFT Center I wish to thank you for your efforts to secure funding for us. Your staff has been helpful, knowledgeable, caring and professional. It has been a pleasure working with them.

We would like to inform you of the latest wonderful news that the Center has received from Commissioner Joe Martinez's office. He has brokered a deal with the new owners of Town & Country Mall to give us free rent again. They are in the process of finding suitable space for us here. The one space that was offered to us is only 4,350 sq. ft. and required substantial tear down. It was a doctor's office with many examining rooms. The owners of Kendall Breeze Shopping Center sent us a letter today stating that they are keeping our security deposit and first month's rent in the amount of \$17,250. They also wish to charge us \$4,800 for the monies paid to the leasing agent. If there is any way you can help us reduce this fee we would be very grateful.

Please keep the Senior LIFT Center in mind when Miami-Dade County provides funding on an annual basis through the competitive selection process as per the Kendall Community Council 12 priority request for ongoing funding for the 2004-2005 budget. This funding will assist us with funding the renovations to our new home and to help us continue the commitment the Senior LIFT Center has made to provide social and recreational activities to the seniors in the Kendall area. We also hope you will continue your efforts on our behalf for a permanent home at Indian Hammocks Park in the future.

Again, thank you for your assistance. The Board, members and I wish to extend an invitation to you to attend our grand opening when the new center is complete.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Hudson, President

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June 24, 2004

Ms. Ruth Hudson, President  
Senior L.I.F.T. Center, Inc.  
10825 SW 12 Avenue, #110  
Miami, FL 33176

Dear Ms. Hudson:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting emergency financial support for the Senior Living Individually with Fulfillment and Togetherness Center (L.I.F.T.). Your organization is to be commended for its commitment to the many senior citizens it serves in the South Dade/Kendall area.

Funding for organizations outside the competitive selection process is generally provided through our budget process, which ended on September 18, 2003, for FY 2003-04. Unfortunately, funds were not allocated in the FY 2003-04 budget for your organization.

However, due to your request for assistance, on May 11, 2004, Commissioners Sorenson, Martinez, and Morales sponsored a resolution for approval by the Board of County Commissioners, directing staff, to assist in finding a solution to the financial emergency faced by your organization.

On May 17, a meeting was held with several of your Board members and members of my staff. At that meeting, staff was advised of both the present and future needs of your organization. No decisions were made at that time, however, upon hearing the various needs of your organization, staff scheduled a follow-up meeting with several County departments to pursue this matter further in finding a possible solution. The follow-up meeting was held on June 1, and staff is in the process of finalizing a report to be placed on the July 13<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commission (BCC) agenda for consideration. As soon as a decision has been made, the County will contact and update your Board.

Please be advised that Miami-Dade County provides funding on an annual basis through a competitive selection process, focusing on many under-served areas in the community, including, but not limited to, cultural activities, park and recreation activities, social and crime prevention services, environmental enhancement and education programs.

Ms. Ruth Hudson  
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A competitive solicitation process is held for each of these funding sources. Each source has certain restrictions tied to the allocation of monies; these restrictions are described in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you personally of a valuable addition to the County's web portal, Miami-Dade County's Grants Pages <http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/grants/home.htm>. The Grants Pages are another e-government initiative designed to facilitate and maximize receipt of grant dollars in Miami-Dade by the County, other governmental entities, community-based organizations, small businesses, colleges and universities. This site is updated weekly and can serve as a valuable tool for organizations to identify potential grant opportunities and other resources. If you are interested in receiving regularly e-mailed grant announcements, please state your interest and provide contact information for a representative from your organization, including phone number and e-mail address, to the grants administrator e-mail address at [grants@miamidadegov](mailto:grants@miamidadegov).

Thank you for your involvement within the Miami-Dade community.

Sincerely,



George M. Burgess  
County Manager

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Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director Designate, Office of Strategic  
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