

Memorandum



Date: October 19, 2004

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

From: 
George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Application for Federal Funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice - Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act FY 2004

Agenda Item No. 3(O)(18)(B)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Manager to apply for, receive and expend \$80,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), available under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act FY 2004, to support the Miami-Dade Police Department's Crime Laboratory Bureau. The resolution additionally authorizes the County Manager to receive, expend, and execute contracts, agreements, and necessary amendments to the grant application. The grant period covers from September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. The grant does not require any matching local or in-kind funds.

BACKGROUND

The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Crime Laboratory Bureau has applied for \$80,000 from NIJ, under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, to purchase a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) with an automated sampler. The GC/MS instrument is utilized to identify controlled substances and legend drugs in the laboratory's Drug Chemistry Unit. One 19-year old instrument of this type was recently taken out of service because it necessitated repair and replacement parts are unavailable. Currently only one quadruple GC/MS instrument is available for 12 drug chemists.

MDPD's Crime Laboratory achieves to maintain a turnaround time from the date of submission of five working days or less for evidence examination. Competing priorities make it difficult to accomplish this with the equipment presently available for use in the laboratory. Furthermore, the crime lab is experiencing an increase in drug submissions due to the formation of two new investigative units within the Intergovernmental Bureau, the Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit and the Medical Fraud Unit. The purchase of a new GC/MS will decrease the turn around time for evidence examination, namely controlled substances and legend drugs. The new instrument will furthermore reduce the amount of time that the drug chemistry analysts wait to process their controlled substance and legend drug cases, therefore increasing efficiency and case output.

This grant requires retroactive approval because staff submitted the package by the federal deadline of July 6, 2004, not allowing staff to meet the agenda item submission deadline. The item has been placed on the next available Public Safety Committee meeting on September 14, 2004 and Board of County Commissioners meeting on October 5, 2004.


Susanne M. Torriente
Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 19, 2004

FROM: 
Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(O)(18)(B)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 3(O)(18)(B)
10-19-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, AVAILABLE UNDER THE PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT FY 2004, TO SUPPORT THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME LABORATORY BUREAU; AND AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the County Manager's action in applying for federal funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, available under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Act FY 2004, to support the Miami-Dade Police Department's Crime Laboratory Bureau, in substantially the form of the grant application attached hereto and made a part hereof, authorizes the County Manager to receive, expend, and execute such contracts and agreements as required, following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes and as described in the application; to receive and expend additional funds should they become available, and to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of October, 2004. This Resolution and contract, if not vetoed, shall become effective in accordance with Resolution No. R-377-04.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. KBD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Kenneth B. Drucker

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED July 05, 2004	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name Miami Dade County		Organizational Unit Miami Dade Police Department	
Address 9105 N.W. 25th Street Miami, Florida 33172-1500		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Ferrer, Alfredo (305) 471-3384	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 59-6000573		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT County	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY National Institute of Justice	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16.560 CFDA TITLE: CRIME JUST R & D PROJ		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2004, U.S. Department of Justice, National Insitute of Justice	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Miami-Dade County, Florida			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: September 01, 2004 End Date: September 01, 2005		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF a. Applicant b. Project FL21	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
Federal	\$80,000	Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
Applicant	\$0		
State	\$0		

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Local	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? N
Other	\$0	
Program Income	\$0	
TOTAL	\$80,000	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.		

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BUDGET DETAIL WORKSHEET AND NARRATIVE

BUDGET DETAIL WORKSHEET

A.	Personnel	\$	0.00
B.	Fringe Benefits	\$	0.00
C.	Travel	\$	0.00
D.	Equipment		
	Automated Gas Chromatograph – Mass Spectrometer system		\$80,000.00
E.	Supplies	\$	0.00
F.	Construction	\$	0.00
G.	Consultants/Contracts	\$	0.00
H.	Other Costs	\$	0.00
I.	Indirect Costs	\$	0.00
	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		\$80,000.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	\$	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING REQUEST:		\$80,000.00