

Memorandum



Date: May 6, 2008

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

Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(D)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Approving Submission of Grant Applications for up to \$900,000 from the Florida Department of Community Affairs for a Florida Communities Trust Florida Forever Program Grant to Reimburse the Environmentally Endangered Lands Trust Fund

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to apply for up to \$900,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Community Affairs for a Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Florida Forever Program Grant to reimburse the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Trust Fund for up to 50% of the acquisition of 16.5 acres of hammock and pineland and further authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to receive funds and execute contracts and amendments as required. At an FCT workshop in February 2008, EEL staff became aware that it was possible to apply for these reimbursement funds.

Scope

The EEL Program is countywide in nature. The reimbursements are being sought for the following two preserves purchased by the EEL Program: the Chernoff Hammock, acquired in September 2006, is in District 8 on the southwest corner of SW 216 Street & 154 Avenue and the Northrop Pineland, acquired in March 2007, is in District 9 on the southeast corner of SW 296 Street & 207 Avenue.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

These grants will contribute up to \$900,000 to the EEL Trust Fund to reimburse up to 50% of the acquisition costs for two EEL preserves.

Track Record/Monitor

The Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will administer these grants.

Background

Florida Communities Trust's Florida Forever Program is a state land acquisition grant program. FCT provides funding to local governments and eligible non-profit environmental organizations to acquire land for community-based parks, open space and greenways that expand outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans. The Florida Communities Trust has previously awarded the DERM EEL Program with grants for land acquisition at various sites, including Biscayne Coastal Wetlands, County Line Scrub and Tree Island Park.

The grant applications are due in May 2008. If the applications are successful, funds will become available in September 2008.


Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: May 6, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(D)(1)(D)

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. 8(D)(1)(D)
5-6-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR UP TO \$900,000 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose 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 authorizes submission of grant applications for up to \$900,000 to reimburse the EEL Trust Fund for up to 50% of the acquisition of 16.5 acres of hammock and pineland within EEL preserves; authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such contracts and amendments as approved by the County Attorney's Office; authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to deposit any and all monies received into the Environmentally Endangered Lands Acquisition Trust Fund for the purposes described in the funding request; and authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this
6th day of May, 2008. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date
of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only
upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Robert A. Duvall