MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	October 7, 2008
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution relating to grant monies under the Second Chance Act of 2007 available to local programs

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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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 _____

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10-7-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S FEDERAL LOBBYING TEAM TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE SECOND CHANCE ACT OF 2007 AND IDENTIFY ALL GRANT MONIES THAT ARE OR MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO LOCAL PROGRAMS THAT FACILITATE THE RE-ENTRY OF INMATES INTO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING RELATED LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2008, the President signed the Second Chance Act into law, a federal law designed to ensure the safe and successful return of prisoners to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Second Chance Act provides grants to states and local governments that may be used to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated, for programs such as employment services, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims services, and methods to improve release and revocation decisions using risk-assessment tools; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1270-05 created a Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee to provide the Board with recommendations for inmate programs to facilitate the re-entry of inmates into the community and to thereby reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee submitted to the Board its Final Report, dated March 28, 2008, entitled "Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation & Job Training in County Jails"; and

WHEREAS, the County's Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee made recommendations in its final report, "Breaking the Cycle: Rehabilitation & Job Training in County Jails" that are

perfectly in accord with the Second Chance Act in its mission to facilitate the successful transition of formerly incarcerated individuals back into the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the operational and programmatic recommendations by the Advisory Committee, the Final Report also contained several 'Bricks and Mortar' recommendations concerning capital improvements required to house these re-entry programs, including inmate vocational and educational facilities at the planned Krome Detention Center and a rehabilitation and job training center to replace the Training and Treatment Center; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 675-08 directed the Mayor or Designee to apply for, receive and expend any and all grants made available under the Second Chance Act of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County's federal lobbying team can play an important role in helping the County to maximize its ability to secure grants under the Second Chance Act of 2007 by closely monitoring the development of grant opportunities related to the Second Chance Act of 2007 and providing the County any early leads on such grants, as well as monitoring any associated legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County's federal lobbying team to closely monitor the development of grant opportunities under the Second Chance Act of 2007; identify all grant funds that are or may become available related to local programs of the type and nature recommended by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee in its Final Report, dated March 29, 2008, including related capital improvement projects; and provide assistance to the Mayor or Designee in applying for and receiving any such grants.

Section 2. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to take the actions set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2009 Federal Legislative Package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It 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 Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 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. RAD

Robert A. Duvall

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