

Memorandum



Date: September 16, 2008

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(C)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Certification of Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center as Serving a Public Purpose as an Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility and Authorizing Grant Application to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Marketing and Development

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution certifying that the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center (Equestrian Center) serves a public purpose as an Agricultural Education and Promotion Facility and authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for up to \$3.4 million in grant funds from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Marketing and Development for capital improvements at the Equestrian Center. It is further requested that the Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend funds and execute contracts and amendments as required.

Scope

The Equestrian Center is located at Tropical Park, 7900 S.W. 40th Street, within Commission District 10.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Grant funds will be used towards the cost of designing and constructing a metal roof covering for the existing warm-up ring. The \$6.5 million in Building Better Communities bond funds allocated to Tropical Park and the \$69.1 million estimated value of the land and buildings that comprise the park will serve as the required grant match.

Track Record/Monitor

The Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) has never applied for funding from this grant agency. The new grant will be administered by Beth Wojas, MDPR Grants Administrator.

Background

Florida Statute Section 288.1175 allows for Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility requests for funding to be submitted to FDACS, Division of Marketing and Development by October 1st each year. The requests are reviewed, categorized, rated and sent as a certified eligible list to the Florida Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and Governor's Budget Committee for review and funding. If the application is successful funds will become available in July 2009.

Attachment

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: September 16, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(C)

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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9-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE AS AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$3.4 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

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 certifies that the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center at Tropical Park serves a Public Purpose as an Agricultural Education and Promotion Facility and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for up to \$3.4 million in grant funds from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Marketing and Development for capital improvements at Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center; and further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and amendments as are required by this governmental body following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend all monies for the purposes

described in the funding request; and 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:

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| | 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 |
| Dorrian D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of September, 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. 

Martin W. Sybblis