Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: September 16, 2008

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

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Grant Application for Miami Metrozoo Flooded Forest Exhibit at Amazon and Beyond

---

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for a grant in the amount of $478,000 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for construction of the interpretive elements of the Miami Metrozoo Flooded Forest Exhibit at Amazon and Beyond.

Scope

Miami Metrozoo is located at 12400 S.W. 152 Street in Commission District 9. The zoo is open to all residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County and has a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will contribute $478,000 toward the $613,000 cost of the interpretive elements of the Flooded Forest Exhibit. The remainder of the funds ($135,000) will come from the Building Better Communities Bond Program.

Track Record/Monitor

FDEP has awarded the Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) grants in the past; however, this one is unique in that it implements an already awarded State of Florida legislative appropriation. This grant will be administered by Joyce Denny, MDPR Grants Administrator.

Background

FDEP's grant programs provide competitive grants to local governments to acquire and develop land for public outdoor recreation. This item provides for submission of a post award grant application which requires a Board approved resolution. The request for the appropriation was initiated by the Zoological Society of South Florida; however, the grant must be a contract between MDPR and the State, since MDPR is the owner of the property.

MPDR staff learned of the appropriation on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. The grant agreement is needed as soon as possible because work on the project is already well in progress and the grant will only pay for work completed after its execution.

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)(E)

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(J)(1)(E)
9-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR $478,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS OF THE MIAMI METROZOO FLOODED FOREST EXHIBIT AT AMAZON AND BEYOND 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 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 a grant application in the amount of $478,000 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for construction of the interpretive elements of the Miami Metrozoo Flooded Forest Exhibit at Amazon and Beyond; 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 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 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