Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: May 5, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution for the Application of Funds from Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Program for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for $111,150.00 in grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Grant Program 2009. The grant will assist in funding the construction of a Floating Dock and Boat Lift at the Port of Miami to facilitate the placement of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) Fire Boats.

Scope

Section 374.976 F.S. authorizes and empowers each inland navigation district to fund and undertake programs intended to alleviate the problems associated with its waterways. The Florida Inland Navigation District receives its operational funding through ad-valorem taxes levied on property within the eleven Florida counties that border the Intra-Coastal Waterway, from Duval County to Miami-Dade County. These funds are made available to eligible local governments, member counties and navigation districts for waterways related projects.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant is a matching grant that requires a fifty percent match from the applicant. The estimated cost of the Floating Dock and Boatlift Project is $273,882.50. MDFR will provide an approximate sixty percent match or $162,732.50 which includes $51,582.50 that has already been expended for Geotechnical Testing and Permit Applications for this project. These items are not reimbursable under the grant program. MDFR will also receive a $25,000 donation from the survivors of the 2008 Miami Beach Marina fire which will be dedicated to this project. FIND will fund approximately forty percent or $111,150.00. This project has been approved in MDFR's Marine Operations Bureau Operating Budget and is currently in the competitive bidding stage. The grant will allow the Marine Operations Bureau to supplement the cost of this valuable project and reduce the financial impact to the Bureau's operating funds.

Track Record/Monitor

MDFR Marine Operations Bureau will administer this grant. This award will be tracked and monitored by MDFR Grants Management Bureau for consistency with applicable OMB Circulars, audit requirements and award directives.

Background

In May 2008, MDFR applied to FIND for grant funds but did not receive the funding due to technical reasons. This item has been updated to include the information required.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Marine Operations Bureau has developed an all inclusive, all threat, marine waterways fire rescue response plan. Miami-Dade County is home to more than fifty public and private marinas, numerous public boat ramps and thousands of private docks. In addition to recent maritime incidents such as the marina fire at Miami Beach, plane crashes in Government Cut and Maule Lake, the SS Norway explosion at the Port of Miami and the MV Ecstasy fire, the county experiences countless other waterway fire or EMS-related incidents on a daily basis.

MDFR's emergency response plan encompasses the Port of Miami and areas of Biscayne Bay and adjacent waterways, public beaches and off shore areas up to 20 miles. Components of the plan include serving over 2 million residents, eighty-four (84) miles of oceanside coastline, twenty-two (22) miles of beaches, sixty-seven (67) miles of inland waterways, and five and one half (5.5) miles of the Miami River commercial waterway.

The immediate advantage from constructing a Floating Dock and Boat Lift at the Port of Miami is the accessibility, efficiency and the speed in which MDFR fireboats can be deployed to waterway incidents across Miami-Dade County Waterways. The project will provide a critical staging point for a more effective deployment of MDFR's fire boats by enabling MDFR to provide prompt response to boat fires, trauma and medical emergency's occurring on the County's waterways. An effective response time to incidents on the waterways is essential to preventing the escalation of fire, medical, homeland security and environmental emergencies.

Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 5, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

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 Mayor'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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR UP TO $111,150 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2009 TO HELP FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLOATING DOCK AND BOAT LIFT AT THE PORT OF MIAMI FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE MARINE OPERATIONS BUREAU; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND THE FUNDS, AND EXECUTE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS 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; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is interested in carrying out the following described project for the enjoyment of the citizenry of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida:

Project Title	Floating Dock and Boat Lift at the Port of Miami
Total Estimated Cost	$273,882.50
Brief Description of Project	Construction of a floating dock and boat lift to station the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department Marine Operations Bureau's fire boats

AND, Florida Inland Navigation District grant assistance is required for the program mentioned above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for up to $111,150 in grant funds from the Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program 2009 for the construction of a floating dock and boat lift at the Port of Miami for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Marine Operations Bureau and that the project above be authorized,

AND, be it further resolved that said Miami-Dade County make application to the Florida Inland Navigation District in the amount of 40% of the actual cost of the project in behalf of said Miami-Dade County,

AND, be it further resolved by Miami-Dade County that it certifies to the following:

1. That it will accept the terms and conditions set forth in FIND Rule 66B-2 F.A.C. which will be a part of the Project Agreement for any assistance awarded under the attached proposal.
2. That it is in complete accord with the attached proposal and that it will carry out the program in the manner described in the proposal and any plans and specifications attached thereto unless prior approval for any change has been received from the District.
3. That it has the ability and intention to finance its share of the cost of the project and that the project will be operated and maintained at the expense of Miami-Dade County for public use.
4. That it will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color or national origin in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to this proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of the Title VI of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964, P. L. 88-352 (1964) and design and construct all facilities to comply fully with statutes relating to accessibility by handicapped persons as well as other federal, state and local laws, rules and requirements.

5. That it will maintain adequate financial records on the proposed project to substantiate claims for reimbursement.

6. That it will make available to FIND if requested, a post-audit of expenses incurred on the project prior to, or in conjunction with, request for the final 10% of the funding agreed to by FIND.

AND, be it resolved that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and agreements 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:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2009. 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

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. D.F.

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Daniel Frastai