

Memorandum



Date: June 2, 2009
To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(4)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: *Building Better Communities* General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Program -
Rescinding and Granting an Award to Citizens For A Better South Florida, Inc.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) rescind a grant award in the amount of \$459,900 previously approved to Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc. (Citizens) for the purchase of a facility in Commission District 7. Additionally, it is recommended that the Board approve a grant award to Citizens in the same amount for the purchase of a property in Commission District 5.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item is limited to County Commission Districts 5 and 7.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The funding is provided by the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program's (BBC-GOB) Not-For-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund. There is no fiscal impact as there is no change to the existing BBC-GOB Program allocations.

Track Record/Monitor

The responsible party for monitoring BBC-GOB funds is the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI), Johnny Martinez, P.E., Director.

Delegation of Authority

There is no additional delegation of authority related to this item.

Background

On November 2, 2004 voters overwhelmingly approved eight referendum questions to fund more than 300 capital improvement projects throughout Miami-Dade County over the next 18-20 years. The \$30 million Not-for-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund is one of those projects.

On July 24, 2007, via Resolution No. R-884-07, the Board approved an allocation to 37 not-for-profit entities totaling the full \$30 million from this Fund through a competitive Request For Proposals process. Citizens was awarded \$459,900 for the purchase of a property that was to be located at 33 S.W. 31 Court. Citizens was unable to purchase this property because it was sold to someone else. On July 1, 2008, the Board rescinded their award for the purchase of the property at 33 S.W. 31 Court and re-issued an award to Citizens for the purchase of a property to be located in Commission District 7. An exhaustive search with the assistance of several realtors ensued in the district to find a replacement property, but they were unable to locate a property that satisfied their needs. Citizens is now requesting that their award be rescinded and re-issued, this time listing Commission District 5 as the location since they are currently in contract negotiations with a property owner in District 5. Representatives from Citizens and County staff have met with Commissioners from both districts and report that they are amenable to the requested change. The Board will be notified of the property address chosen through the BBC-GOB Quarterly Report.

History of Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc.

Since 1989, Citizens, a private, not-for-profit, non-advocacy environmental education organization has been dedicated to improving quality of life through instilling environmental awareness within the County's diverse communities. Their vision is to foster a society where residents and community leaders understand and respect the connection between their actions and the overall impact on their neighborhoods. The overall goal of Citizens is to provide a foundation of understanding on environmental issues in the community to diverse constituencies so that they can become active stewards of the environment and will be involved in making decisions that will lead to a stronger community and a healthier environment. Focusing on education rather than on advocacy is their stated key to success. Citizens provides education through four main initiatives: 1) The Community Science Workshop - an after school program for at-risk children; 2) The Urban Greening and Community Forestry Program; 3) ReVive - The Virginia Key Restoration Project; and 4) GO NATIVE! a native plant and tree nursery.

In its 20 year history, Citizens has made a substantial impact in the County by providing multi-lingual environmental education to thousands of children and adults concentrating programs and services to immigrants, particularly to those who with the greatest need. They have partnered with many not-for-profit and for profit organizations on projects to benefit all residents in our community.

The BBC-GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee met on February 26, 2009 and while they did not have a quorum, the sentiment of the members present regarding the item was favorable.



Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: June 2, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(4)

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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6-2-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RESCINDING AND APPROVING GRANT AWARD FROM THE BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION CAPITAL FUND TO CITIZENS FOR A BETTER SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$459,900.00

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by this reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby rescinds and approves a grant award from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program's Not-for-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund, project number 223, to Citizens for a Better South Florida, Inc. (\$459,900) as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum.

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 2nd day of June, 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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MR

Monica Rizo