Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 30, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 3(F)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Recovery Act in the Amount of $500,000 for Miami Dade County through its Department of Human Services to provide Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution ratifying the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of a grant application in the approximate amount of $500,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Recovery Act for Miami-Dade County through its the Department of Human Services to provide Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking and/or Sexual Assault. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds and execute contracts, and agreements as required by the OVW guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program. Ratification of this application is necessary because the deadline of April 8, 2009 did not allow time to submit a resolution to the Board prior to the submission of the application.

Scope

These funds will allow Miami-Dade County through its Department of Human Services to increase the availability of transitional housing units and provide social services for thirty-six (36) unduplicated individuals in targeted underserved populations, including individuals with disabilities, immigrants, and older adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault. The Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence Program is designed to provide a holistic, victim centered approach to transitional housing and support services for underserved populations in the County. Services will include shelter, counseling, case management, and information and referral assistance. This twenty-four (24) month project will be led by the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services however, this grant application requires a collaborative partnership with the participation of six (6) other governmental and not-for-profit non-governmental, community-based partners: Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency; Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc.; Hands on Miami, Inc.; Safespace Foundation, Inc.; Sant La, Inc.; and MUJER, Inc.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will use funds for direct services. There will be no administrative costs charged to the grant. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Recovery Act will provide approximately $500,000 to Miami-Dade County through its Department of Human Services to increase transitional housing units and provide social services. The grant application does not require any matching funds.

Track Record/Monitor

The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services has been providing services to victims of domestic violence for the past thirty (30) years. The Department of Human Services has been responsible for oversight of two (2) Certified Emergency Shelters; a Coordinated Victims Assistance Center, and two (2) Transitional Housing facilities. The Department of Human Services through its Bureau Chief of Targeted Services will be responsible for administrative oversight and monitoring of this grant. The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services will serve as the lead agency with the participation of six (6) partners: Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency; Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc.; Hands on Miami, Inc.; Safespace Foundation, Inc.; Sant La, Inc.; and MUJER, Inc. Each of these entities has documented their participation through letters of support that were submitted with the grant application.

Background

The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services is seeking to expand its transitional housing services to thirty-six (36) unduplicated individuals with disabilities, immigrants and older adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault. These services will allow victims to identify a safe haven while attempting to escape from domestic violence situations. The Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence Program will serve as part of the continuum of services under the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services. Client services will include shelter, counseling, case management, information and referral assistance.

The estimated contract amount pursuant to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Recovery Act is $500,000, for a twenty-four (24) month period. One hundred percent (100%) of the grant funding will be utilized for direct services.

Irene Taylor Worster
Special Assistant for Social Services

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: June 30, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(F)(1)(A)

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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6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW) RECOVERY ACT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $500,000 FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS AND TO 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board ratifies the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) in the approximate amount of $500,000 for the purposes of increasing the availability of transitional housing and providing social services to targeted underserved populations including individuals with disabilities, immigrants and older adults who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and agreements as are required by grant guidelines or to further the purposes described in the funding request, following approval by the County Attorney's Office; authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to file and execute any

necessary amendments, modifications, renewal cancellation and termination clauses to said contracts and agreements for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and authorizes the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend additional funds should they become available under this program for this purpose.

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 30th 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. MD

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