Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(71)

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Grant Application and Funding for the Crime Laboratory

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution, authorizing the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds from the United States Department of Justice grant programs for projects identified for the Crime Laboratory as funds become available.

Scope
The grants will provide countywide services.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
The County will receive federal funds to enhance and improve the operations of the Crime Laboratory and the discipline of forensic science. These grant funds do not require local matching dollars.

Track Record/Monitor
The grants will be administered and monitored by the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Background
The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Crime Laboratory is the only public crime laboratory in Miami-Dade County. The mission of the laboratory is to provide scientific and technical support to the law enforcement community and to provide forensic services to the greater unincorporated Dade County area and 35 incorporated municipalities. The MDPD Crime Laboratory assists in investigations throughout Miami-Dade County through the use of specialized personnel, equipment, materials, and training to effectively provide forensic services.

Various federal programs assist in meeting crime laboratory needs by providing funding for personnel, instrumentation, supplies, training as well as specialized projects. To date, these programs have provided more than $5 million for investment in the Crime Laboratory. With the support of the federal programs combined with County support, the MDPD Crime Laboratory has made more DNA hits than any other single laboratory in the state of Florida; with regard to ballistics, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives ranked this laboratory as number 1 in 2008 for the most hits made in the nation. These results are possible with the help of these programs which enhance and improve the Crime Laboratory as a state of the art facility. Should it be granted, this authorization will expedite and streamline the grant process and avail the County of additional funding opportunities for critical crime laboratory needs.

Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(71)

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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE CRIME LABORATORY OF THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR WHICH LOCAL MATCH DOLLARS ARE NOT REQUIRED AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, MODIFY OR AMEND THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED

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 approves the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's action to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for projects identified for the Crime Laboratory of the Miami-Dade Police Department as funds become available and for which local match dollars are not required, and authorizes the County Mayor and/or County Mayor designee to receive and expend grant funds, execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by grant guidelines or to further the purposes described in the funding requests following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; to apply for, receive and expend future additional funds should they become available through the grant programs; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to exercise and execute any amendments, modifications, renewal and

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 21st day of July, 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.

Ben Simon