Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 1, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Miami-Dade Dependency Drug Court Expansion and Enhancement Initiative Grant Application

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action to apply for, receive, and expend United States Department of Justice, Family Drug Court funds in the amount of $500,000, as the applicant, acting as the fiscal agent on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the AOC, and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Scope

The scope of the project in countywide in nature. The Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts and a collaborative of community stakeholders seek to expand and enhance the Dependency Drug Court (DDC) established in March 1999. The AOC will lead the implementation of two evidence-based intervention approaches that have been successfully piloted. This Initiative will include a case management intervention model for mothers, and a parenting program for families with children ages 0-3. The project period is 36 months.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The County applied on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. Resolution number R-79-03 approved the designation of the County as the fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in connection with certain grants provided to the Circuit.

This grant will provide $500,000 to implement the proposed project. A required local in-kind match in the amount of $193,833 is provided by the Family Resource Center, a child welfare provider, in the form of salaries and fringe benefits for four caseworkers; who will devote a percentage of their time to the project.

Track Record/Monitor

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the largest circuit in the state with the fourth largest trial court in the nation, has been innovative in implementing programs and services to address problems which impact the court and the community. The AOC's Grants Administration Office has worked collaboratively since 1995 with the Justice Department and the community to obtain funding for services for those who come in contact with the judicial system. The AOC's Grants Administration and Administrative Service Division have managed and administered many of these grants. The AOC will be responsible for the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and shall assume responsibility for managing programmatic and fiscal records in accordance with the project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the Department of Justice.

Background

Partnerships will be established between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida's Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of the Dependency Drug Court, and include: 1) the Judge for the DDC; 2) the South Florida Provider Coalition (SFPC), the managing agency under contract with the Florida Department of Children and Families, for the substance abuse and mental health providers; 3) Our Kids of Miami Dade/Monroe, Inc., the managing agency for child welfare providers; 4) the Florida Department of Children and Families (FDCF), Substance Abuse/Mental Health Division; 5) Child Welfare Regional Legal Counsel; 6) the University of Miami and UM's Linda Ray Intervention Center (LRIC); 7) the Family Resource Center; 8) DDC Alumni; and 9) AOC staff (Juvenile Operations Director, Chief Deputy Court Administrator, Grants Administrator, and DDC Program Coordinator).

Project's activities include: screening, assessment, treatment plans, enhanced case management for an additional 120 dependency abuse/neglect cases, and parenting sessions for 40 parent-child engagements. Project goals are to: 1) increase positive permanency outcomes (sole custody, joint custody, or permanent guardianship with family members with termination of parental rights when appropriate), which will be measured by outcomes upon completion of drug court; and 2) reduce likelihood of negative outcomes for children by addressing the substance abuse of parents and providing services for their children, which will be measured by re-entry. A project evaluation will provide feedback regarding the implementation; present findings relative to data collected and outcome variables (including the performance measures); address the extent to which program implementation was consistent with the plans for implementation; identify the program's impact and effectiveness; and delineate lessons learned from the evaluation.

The short turnaround time imposed by the application deadline and acceptance period did not allow sufficient time for the processing of the resolution and its submission to the Board prior to submission and acceptance of the grant.

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Office of Strategic Business Management

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: December 1, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(5)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"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**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous_____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-1-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FAMILY DRUG COURT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,000, AS APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE

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 ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action to apply for, receive, and expend United States Department of Justice, Family Drug Court funds in the amount of $500,000, as applicant, on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Administrative Office of the Courts; authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by grant guidelines; authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

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 1st day of December, 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.

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