

# Memorandum



**Date:** January 11, 2010

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Agenda Item No. 4(C)

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

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Recovery Act, U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technologies  
Opportunity Program – Public Computer Centers

## Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution ratifying the Mayor's or Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant in the amount of \$2,224,960 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 - Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration within the United States Department of Commerce. Ratification of this application is necessary because of the short timeframe imposed by this Recovery Act deadline. 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; 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 of the County Attorney's Office.

## Scope

The scope of the project is countywide in nature and aims to enhance and expand public broadband access, speed, branch and infrastructure equipment, customer training and support services, with the ultimate goal of increasing user reliability and safety at 48 Library branch sites located throughout Miami-Dade County. The proposed comprehensive upgrade to the Library's computer services and infrastructure will provide an increased density of access points, increased computer availability and training, and quicker transaction processing for wireless connections. Specifically proposed funds will: 1) create two new state-of-the-art computer labs; 2) create 52 new broadband access opportunities via laptops at 10 library sites; 3) increase Wi-Fi density through the addition of 20 wireless access points; and 4) enhance the broadband network architecture by acquiring additional servers and related infrastructure equipment.

## Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

If funded, this grant will provide a one-time ARRA award in the amount of \$2,224,960 for implementing a 36-month project. A 24% in-kind match in the amount of \$544,231 has been committed to the proposed project in the form of personnel support and fringe benefits, as required to successfully implement a project of this scope and size.

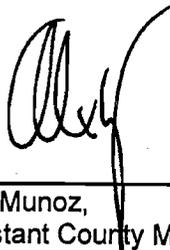
## Track Record/Monitor

Miami-Dade Public Library System's will be the administering agency for the grant and responsible for overall grants management and fiscal administration.

**Background**

The need for broadband access is becoming a prerequisite for daily living. Community reliance on broadband Internet services is rapidly increasing as more essential services become digitized and are made available online. Online access is now necessary to efficiently manage finances, communicate with teachers and monitor your child's grades, communicate with vendors to purchase desired products and commodities, search and apply for employment, register for government services including Medicare/Medicaid, Food Stamps, Housing and Unemployment.

The Miami-Dade Public Library System is a community anchoring institution that provides free broadband access services and a wealth of online resources to meet all the informational needs of the Miami-Dade County community. As the overall community's need for broadband access increases, so does the Library's need to enhance and expand training services, broadband access points, and overall network infrastructure to accommodate the growth. Factors preventing the Library from effectively meet all the growing broadband needs of the Miami-Dade County community include: the communities' lack of computer skills; long wait lists for computer training classes and for public computers; better centralized training locations, wireless connectivity at or near maximum capacity; and slower connection speeds associated with overall institutional IT growth.



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Alex Munoz,  
Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: February 2, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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

Agenda Item No.

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,224,960 FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) OF 2009 - BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (BTOP) OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO MODIFY OR AMEND THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR 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 hereby ratifies the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant award in the amount of \$2,224,960 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 - Broadband Technology Opportunities Program of the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration; authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds; authorizes the Mayor's or Mayor's designee to receive to apply for, receive and expend future additional funds should they become

available through this grant program; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by grant guidelines or to further the purposes described in the funding request, following approval by the County Attorney's Office, authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to file and execute necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, and extension provisions, cancellation, and termination clauses in any such applications, contracts, agreements, and MOUs, after 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

Carlos A. Gimenez

Barbara J. Jordan

Dorin D. Rolle

Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman

Joe A. Martinez

Natacha Seijas

Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2010. 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.

