Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: May 4, 2010

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

Subject: Authorization to Apply for, Receive, and Expend Funds from the State of Florida for Crisis Outplacement Beds

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) authorize the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to 1) apply for, receive, and expend funds from the State of Florida Department of Children and Families (FDCF), or through a managing entity acting on their behalf, and from the Florida Department of Corrections to provide transitional housing for mentally ill persons exiting our jails; 2) negotiate and execute contracts with the state or their agents, 3) negotiate and execute subcontracts with one or more non-profit providers selected through a Request for Application (RFA) process and any amendments and renewals, some of which when renewed may exceed $1 million in value, and 4) receive and expend any additional future funds should they become available under this program for this purpose.

The total amount for FY 2010-11 is estimated to be $650,000 and annual renewal amounts will be based on the budget recommended and approved by the State.

Scope

Services will be provided Countywide through not-for-profit services providers selected through an RFA process.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

No County funds will be utilized for this grant and funding will come entirely from the State of Florida. It is estimated that the County will receive $650,000 annually; however the final amount is contingent upon the State budget process. Any necessary matching funds will come directly from the not-for-profit provider agencies selected through a RFA process. Additional matching funds may come from individuals served through the program whereby social security benefits obtained through the program may be utilized to repay the program for services rendered.

Track/Record/Monitor

The Trust will be the department responsible for the monitoring of the not-for-profit service providers selected through this RFA. The selected not-for-profit service providers will be monitored through the Trust's existing monitoring processes that consist of site visits, desk audits, the review of monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports, as well as the analysis of utilization rates. Annual renewals for four additional one-year terms, beyond FY 2010-11, will be based on a performance review, the approval of the Trust Board, and the availability of funds, as approved by the BCC.

Background

The Trust has identified the need for transitional housing to accommodate homeless adults suffering from mental illnesses who are involved with the criminal justice system as a high priority for our community.

Many homeless adults suffering from mental illnesses are placed into Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs). The identification of housing for individuals leaving CSUs provides a mechanism to keep these individuals stable in the community, which in return reduces recidivism into the criminal justice system and into

homelessness. In an effort to address that need, funding has been requested from the State as part of the County's State Legislative package and as a direct allocation from the local Department of Children and Families' office. In the past, funding has been allocated from the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Corrections in combined levels of up to $610,000 annually. It is anticipated that funding will be allocated on an annual basis.

This request will allow for the provision of a minimum number of 36 transitional beds to target homeless persons released through the Partners in Crisis Program in Misdemeanor Court (administered by Judge Steven Leifman) for mentally ill clients diverted through CSU's who require intensive case management services. Persons assisted in these funded beds will also receive required ancillary services, such as independent living skills training, assistance in obtaining entitlement benefits, vocational training, job placement assistance and permanent housing placement assistance. Individuals will be referred to these beds through either Judge Leifman's program or the coordinated outreach, assessment and placement process administered by the Trust. It is anticipated that the County, through the Trust, will competitively select and contract with one or more non-profit homeless provider(s) to provide the transitional housing. Match funding will be provided through the selected agency(ies).

Attachment

Irene Taylor-Wooten
Special Assistant to the County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: May 4, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OR A MANAGING ENTITY ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF, AND THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR AN AWARD OF $650,000 PER YEAR UPON ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF THE STATE, TO FUND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PERSONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATION PROCESS AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND SUB-CONTRACTS WITH ONE OR MORE NON-PROFIT PROVIDER(S) TO CARRY OUT THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE, AND ANY AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, SOME OF WHICH MAY EXCEED $1 MILLION IF RENEWED AND APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND EXERCISE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

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 authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend funds from the State of Florida Department of Children and Families (FDCF), or through a managing entity acting on their behalf, and from the Florida Department of Corrections for a total of $650,000, upon annual allocation of the State to the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust to fund transitional housing for homeless mentally ill persons, and authorizing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to negotiate and execute any subsequent contracts with DCF,

negotiate and execute sub-contracts with one or more non-profit provider(s) to carry out the contractual obligations of the state, and any amendments, renewals, some of which may exceed $1 million if renewed, and extensions thereto, and exercise cancellation provisions contained therein, and apply for additional funding that may become available under this program for this purpose subject to approval of 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

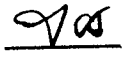
Bruno A. Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of May, 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. 

Shannon D. Summerset