

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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

DATE: June 15, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging President
Obama's Administration and
Congress to eliminate local
match requirements for projects
funded under the American
Recovery and Reinvestment
Act of 2009

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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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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6-15-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO ELIMINATE
LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS FUNDED
UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), H.R. 1, at the urging of President Obama, who signed it into law four days later; and

WHEREAS, the \$787 billion ARRA package sought to stimulate economic growth through federal spending in a large number of areas, including education, energy, health care, housing, social services and transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA provides funding for a wide range of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, many of the ARRA provisions increase funding for existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the ARRA emphasizes rapid expenditure of funds by imposing deadlines that the funds generally be expended by 2010 and by requiring that local governments and private entities allocate the ARRA funding for projects that can be implemented quickly and stimulate jobs in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, there are some ARRA funds that require local matching funds, but not all local governments can seek to use these ARRA funds because of the matching fund requirement; and

WHEREAS, local governments desire to obtain ARRA funding, and initiate new projects and stimulate the economy, but decreasing revenue has made it difficult to secure matching funds quickly and local governments are struggling to balance their budgets; and

WHEREAS, eliminating local funding match requirements from ARRA funding would serve to accelerate spending of ARRA funds and advance ARRA's goals of improving the economy and providing much-needed jobs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges President Obama's Administration and Congress to eliminate local match requirements for projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Chairman of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2010 and 2011 Federal Legislative Packages.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It 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
Dorrin 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 15th day of June, 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.



Jess M. McCarty