Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: July 20, 2010

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)(A)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Ratifying the Action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Receive and Expend Federal Funds Through the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs for the Continued Operation of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency

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Recommendation

The Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency Board (CAA Board) recommends that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve the attached resolution ratifying the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend federal funds through the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs in the approximate amount of $16.4 million; and to apply for, receive and expend additional subsequent future funds should they become available for this program for this purpose. These funds are being used for the continued operation of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provided through the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency's Self Help Division. The CAA Board also recommends that the BCC delegate the authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts, amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation and/or termination clauses of any contracts or agreements on behalf of Miami-Dade County after approval by the County Attorney's Office (CAO) for the operation and administration of the LIHEAP. The funding period commenced April 1, 2010 and ends March 31, 2011. This resolution also clarifies the authority granted in Resolution 370-07, which grants the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee authority to apply for, receive, and expend "additional future funds" for the program cycle year only. The attached resolution grants the authority to apply for, receive, and expend funds for the current cycle year and subsequent future program years.

Scope

The impact to Miami-Dade County for the provision of these services is countywide. Services are provided to eligible, low income individuals at 14 Neighborhood Service Centers geographically located throughout the County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County for the provision of this program and the grant requires no funding match.

Track Record/Monitor

The Self Help Division Director will be responsible for administrative oversight of the program.

Background

CAA has administered the LIHEAP since 1992. The LIHEAP provides assistance to low income households who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines ($21,855 for a family of two) experiencing a home energy crisis, including weather related and supply shortage emergencies. Assistance may also include providing heaters, fans, utility vouchers or weatherization assistance to reduce the heating and/or cooling costs for low income homeowners. CAA partners with Florida Power and Light (FPL) and the City of Homestead in advancing utility payments on behalf of households that are at risk of having their utility service disconnected. CAA also participates in FPL's energy efficiency rebate program leveraging weatherization dollars to provide energy efficient measures to households in an effort to reduce the heating and cooling costs of low income homeowners. LIHEAP customers who receive assistance through the Weatherization Assistance Program are also eligible for FPL's Savings Programs and Rebates, which is provided at no cost to the customer. The Department receives the savings and/or rebates and recycles the funds into the program thereby leveraging the program's funding. It is anticipated that CAA will provide LIHEAP assistance to approximately 52,000 residents during this grant period. Residents may receive up to $300 for regular LIHEAP or up to $600 if the resident is experiencing a crisis. The average amount spent per resident is approximately $315.

Irene Taylor Wooten
Special Assistant for Social Services

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: July 20, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)(A)

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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7-20-10

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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 ratifies the action of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, to receive and expend approximately $16.4 million in federal funds through the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs to continue the administration and operation of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provided through the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency's Self Help Division; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts, amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation and/or termination clauses of any contracts or agreements upon approval of the County Attorney's Office (CAO) on behalf of Miami-Dade County for the operation and administration of the LIHEAP; and to apply for, receive and expend any future LIHEAP grant funds for subsequent future program years should they become available for this program and purpose on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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	

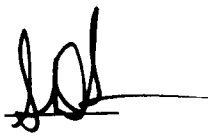
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of July, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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