Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 5, 2010

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

Agenda Item No. 18(A)(3)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: United States Department of Labor Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the actions of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee in applying for United States Department of Labor (DOL) Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IVTP) funds in the amount of $282,511. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County 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's Office, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County 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 County; 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 this project is countywide. The Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) will implement a transition project for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) military personnel and their families. Incarcerated and exoffender veterans at-risk for becoming homeless will be assisted by MDCR, the Miami-Dade Department of Human Services (DHS), and collaborative partners.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This project will enable MDCR to assist veterans in their transition back into the community. The fiscal impact of this project will be measured in the elimination of unemployment benefits paid to veterans who become employed; the economic value of paychecks to veterans to support housing for themselves and their families; and the economic value of their consumer spending to support the South Florida economy. A local in-kind match in the amount of $62,163 will be provided by MDCR and the project's collaborative partners.

Track Record/Monitor

MDCR, with its extensive history of managing DOL grants, will implement and manage the project. Specifically, MDCR will handle the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the DOL.

Background

MDCR will implement IVTP through the Program Services Division. The "In-Reach" program design will include three stages: intake, in-custody, and post release. Concept House, Inc. and Transition, Inc. are the service provider collaborative partners that will coordinate the "Out-Reach" strategies and service delivery for the target group (assessment, counseling, substance abuse and mental health, housing, job readiness training, career planning, job training, job placement, and follow up).

DHS has operated the Veterans Services Program since 1990 to assist veterans, as well as children, widows, parents of veterans, retired veterans, and their families regarding claims to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Program services will include assistance with hospitalization, burial, military discharge review, compensation, pension, dependant and indemnity compensation, education, Veterans Administration home loans, vocational rehabilitation, and insurance.

The 12-month project will result in the intake of a minimum of 85 IVTP participants, and the placement of 68 (80%) in permanent full-time employment.

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

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: October 5, 2010

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 18(A)(3)

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 RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $282,511 FROM THE INCARCERATED VETERANS TRANSITION PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, MODIFY OR AMEND THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board has adopted Resolution No. R-784-10, authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to administer County business during the Board of County Commissioners' 2010 summer recess as provided therein, and has directed that all actions taken pursuant to such authority be submitted to this Board for ratification at its October 5, 2010 meeting,

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 in applying for United States Department of Labor Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program grant funds in the amount of $282,511. It is further recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County 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's Office, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorizes the County Mayor or County 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 County; 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.

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 5th day of October, 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.

Robert A. Duvall