



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(K)(1)(C)

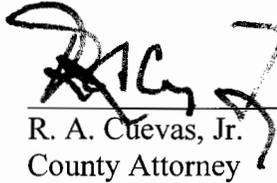
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the FY 2003-2007 and FY 2008- 2012 Consolidated Plans and the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans to reflect the recapture, reallocation, and/or substantial amendment

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Department of Housing and Community Development and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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County Attorney

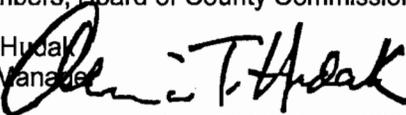
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Memorandum



Date: June 7, 2011

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Alina T. Hudak
County Manager 

Subject: Resolution Amending the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans to Reprogram Multi-Year CDBG, HOME, and HODAG Funds

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to substantially amend the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans to recapture and reallocate \$912,384.36 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$4,342,956.60 of Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and \$2,817,590.00 of Housing Development Action Grant (HODAG) funds as indicated in Exhibit I. It is further recommended that the Board authorize, at the request of Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc (CCFC), a change in the scope of the Florida City Village Phase VII project from homeownership to rental.

Through this item, staff is recommending that \$656,000 of the \$912,384.36 in reallocated CDBG funds go to capital and infrastructure projects impacted by the 16 percent reduction in FY 2011 CDBG funds. This reallocation would mitigate the entire reduction in FY 2011 CDBG funding for certain capital and infrastructure projects as indicated in Exhibit II.

SCOPE

Exhibit I provides Commission District information about the projects recommended for CDBG and HOME funding.

HODAG funds are being recommended for recapture to be placed in a reserve due to unresolved federal issues for the expenditure of these funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The recapture and reallocation of HOME and HODAG funds will not have a negative fiscal impact to the County. In addition, approval of this resolution will mitigate \$668,000 of the \$2.778 million recommended for reduction from the FY 2011 CDBG program as a result of the federal budget approved in April 2011.

TRACK RECORD/MONITORING

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) monitors all CDBG, HOME, and HODAG funded activities. Through the review of quarterly progress DHCD will monitor these projects to ensure compliance with federal guidelines and County policies.

The entities being recommended for funding have successful track records for the delivery of products and/or services as specified in their contractual agreements with DHCD. The allocation of funds will enable the implementing entities to complete their project delivery objectives in a timely manner. For entities that have commenced project development, the supplemental funding will assist them in meeting their objectives and is consistent with the County's policy of *Finishing What We Started*.

BACKGROUND

Funded activities as part of the FY 2010 and prior years Action Plans are monitored throughout the year to ensure agencies are in compliance with federal regulations, such as the progress of each activity towards accomplishing the National Objectives set by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD). On the basis of that information, DHCD recommends the recapture of CDBG, HOME and HODAG

funding from activities that: 1) are unable to meet a US HUD National Objective; 2) have been completed and have unexpended balances; or 3) have expired contracts. Moreover, this agenda item reallocates funds to eligible activities that: 1) were not fully funded through the FY 2011 Request for Application (RFA) process; 2) have demonstrated an existing funding gap; 3) are eligible for funds under the *Finish What We Started* policy; or 4) represent high priority public facility improvement needs within NRSAs or other eligible areas within Miami-Dade County.

CDBG Funding (\$912,384.36)

Staff recommends the recapture of \$912,384.36 in CDBG funds because a majority of the activities have been completed and the unexpended balances must be recaptured as part of the US HUD required close-out process. Additionally, funds are being recaptured from agencies with activities that are no longer feasible or have not been able to spend their funds within a timely period.

As referenced in the accompanying item, the County has been advised of the proposed 16 percent reduction in FY 2011 CDBG funding based on the federal government's approved FY 2011 budget. As such, it is recommended that \$656,000 be reallocated to various infrastructure projects that were funded in the FY 2011 Action Plan to offset the 16 percent reduction. The CDBG recaptured funds will be reprogrammed to the activities described below:

1. **Public Facilities/Capital Improvements (\$656,000)**
As detailed in Exhibit II, it is recommended that funds be reallocated to entirely offset the 16 percent reduction to certain infrastructure and capital improvement projects impacted in the accompanying item that adjusts the FY 2011 Action Plan.
2. **Miami-Dade Public Works Department – Floral Park Improvements (\$256,384.36)**
The Public Works Department (PWD) compiled a needs assessment for the Floral Park residential area and determined the need for street resurfacing, drainage, sidewalk, and landscape improvements. PWD will upgrade the area's drainage with Stormwater Utility funds. The recommended funding will support roadway resurfacing projects in the Floral Park residential area.

HOME FUNDS (\$4,342,956.60)

Staff recommends the recapture of \$4,342,956.60 of HOME funds from 12 activities funded from the FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2008 through FY 2010 Action Plans. A majority of the activities have been either completed and the unexpended balances must be recaptured as part of the US HUD required close-out process or are no longer feasible and have not been able to expend funds in a timely manner. It is recommended that funds be reprogrammed to the following activities:

1. **Villa Capri Associates, Ltd. – Villa Capri Apartments (\$2,650,000)**
This project currently has an allocation of \$2.65 million in HODAG funds; however, there are federal issues related to the release of all HODAG funds. As such, staff is recommending the replacement of the \$2.65 million in HODAG funding with HOME funds. The project involves the new construction of a 220-unit multi-family rental housing complex located at 14500 SW 280 Street, Naranja, FL. The development will benefit low- to moderate-income.
2. **Assistance to the Elderly, Inc. – Tenant Based Rental Assistance (\$167,591.60)**
This activity provides rental assistance to elderly residents throughout Miami-Dade County. This allocation is being recommended to replace previously allocated HODAG funds.
3. **Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning – Historic Preservation–McFarlane House (\$125,000)**
This funding will be dedicated to the historic preservation and rehabilitation of a designated single-family house in a former NRSA. This allocation is being recommended to entirely offset the FY 2011 CDBG funding reduction recommending in the accompanying item.

Staff also recommends a change in scope of services for CCFC's Florida City Village Phase VII project. A total of \$1,400,365 in HOME funds was allocated to complete ten units under Phase VII of the Florida City Village homeownership project, but CCFC is unable to pursue Phase VII of the project as a for-sale homeownership project due to prevailing market conditions. To date, CCFC has only been able to complete

74 single-family homes for first-time low- to moderate-income homebuyers in the first six phases of the Florida City Village project.

The proposed change in the scope from homeownership to rental constitutes a substantial change in the FY 2010 Action Plan, and is recommended for Board approval. Upon approval of the Board, CCFC can move forward to utilize the HOME funds to construct ten new single-family rental units. CCFC has proposed to market the ten single-family detached rental units to current clients of the CCFC Homebuyer/Homeowner Solutions program that have completed the US HUD-certified First-Time Homebuyer class and need additional time in order to achieve homeownership status.

HODAG Funds (\$2,817,590.00)

Staff recommends that \$2,817,590.00 in HODAG funds be reallocated to the HODAG Reserve fund for future allocation. DHCD is unable to expend HODAG funds because US HUD authorization to release the funds is pending. Staff is working diligently with US HUD to resolve the matter.

Additionally, in a letter dated March 14, 2011, US HUD advised that the County was in danger of missing its Commitment/Expenditure deadline for HOME funds. While the county was successful in meeting the deadline requirements for FY 2011, staff is recommending the recapture of HODAG funds and substituting them with HOME funds in this item to proactively address funding commitment/expenditure requirements. Additionally, the activities recommended for HOME funding are ready to expend funds.

Attachments


Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(K)(1)(C)

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 _____

Agenda Item No. 8(K)(1)(C)
6-7-11

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE FY 2003-2007 AND FY 2008-2012 CONSOLIDATED PLANS AND THE FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, AND FY 2007 THROUGH FY 2010 ACTION PLANS TO REFLECT THE RECAPTURE, REALLOCATION, AND/OR SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF \$912,384.36 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), \$4,342,956.60 IN HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME), AND \$2,817,590.00 IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT (HODAG) FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR FLORIDA CITY VILLAGE PHASE VII PROJECT FROM HOMEOWNERSHIP TO RENTAL; AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE

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 County Mayor's designee to amend the FY 2003-2007 and FY 2008-2012 Consolidated Plans and the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans to reflect the recapture, reallocation and/or substantial amendment of \$912,384.36 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$4,342,956.60 in Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and \$2,817,590.00 in Housing Development Action Grant (HODAG) funds, as indicated in Exhibit I and II; authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to change the scope of services for the Florida City Village Phase VII project

from homeownership to rental; authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute contracts, agreements and amendments, as are required, following approval by the County Attorney's Office and subject to proper execution by the parties; and to exercise the cancellation provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being voted, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of June, 2011. 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.



Brenda Kuhns Neuman

Exhibit I: Proposed Amendment to the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Recommended Redistribution of CDBG Funds

#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
1	CDBG 2003, 2007	TBD	4	City of North Miami Beach	Improvements to Mishcon Park Ballfield	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 80,000.00
2	CDBG 2007	TBD	1	City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #8 Improvement Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 16,000.00
3	CDBG 2007	TBD	1	City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #11A Improvement Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
4	CDBG 2007	TBD	7	City of South Miami	SW 64th Street Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 28,000.00
5	CDBG 2007	TBD	12	City of Sweetwater	Drainage Improvements -- Phase IV	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 80,000.00
6	CDBG 2007	TBD	6	City of West Miami	City of West Miami Capital Improvement	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
7	CDBG 2007	TBD	4	Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach, Inc.	Golden Palms Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 25,000.00
8	CDBG 2007	TBD	2	South Florida Urban Ministries, Inc.	SFLUM Community Center	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 24,000.00
9	CDBG 2007	TBD	10	Miami-Dade Department of Human Services [DHS]	Seymour Gelber Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 16,000.00
10	CDBG 2007	TBD	6	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	A.D. Barnes Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 16,000.00
11	CDBG 2007	TBD	3	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	African Heritage Cultural Arts Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 8,000.00
12	CDBG 2007	TBD	6	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Brothers to the Rescue Memorial Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 6,000.00
13	CDBG 2007	TBD	13	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Country Club of Miami South Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
14	CDBG 2007	TBD	4	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Greynolds Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 12,000.00
15	CDBG 2007	TBD	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	International Gardens Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 8,000.00

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Recommended Redistribution of CDBG Funds continued							
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
16	CDBG 2007	TBD	8	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Leisure Lake Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 30,000.00
17	CDBG 2007	TBD	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Olympic Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 3,000.00
18	CDBG 2007	TBD	8	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Palmland Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 2,000.00
19	CDBG 2007	TBD	9	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Quail Roost Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
20	CDBG 2007	TBD	10	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Ruben Dario Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 16,000.00
21	CDBG 2007	TBD	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Tamiami Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 21,000.00
22	CDBG 2007	TBD	5	Miami-Dade Public Works	District 5 Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
23	CDBG 2007	TBD	12	Miami-Dade Public Works	District 12 Public Works Resurfacing Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 7,000.00
24	CDBG 2007	TBD	9	Miami-Dade Public Works	Goulds Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 48,000.00
25	CDBG 2007	TBD	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	Melrose Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
26	CDBG 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	TBD	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 32,000.00
27	CDBG 2010	TBD	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Tree Planting	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 8,000.00
28	CDBG 2010	TBD	3	Miami-Dade Public Works	Floral Park Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$ 256,384.36
Total Recommended Redistribution of CDBG Funds							\$ 912,384.36

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Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Source of HOME Funds to be Recaptured							Amount to be Recaptured
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
1	HOME 2004, 2005	4330	1	Peninsula Housing Development, Inc. XVI	Royal Palm Apartments	Housing	\$ 17,529.67
2	HOME 2008	4525	3	St. John Community Development Corporation, Inc.	St. John Village Homes II	Housing	\$ 5,430.93
3	HOME 2008	4646	3	125 Developers, LLC	NOMI Homebuyer Assistance	Housing	\$ 1,130,000.00
4	HOME 2008	4647	2	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami	Scott Carver - Homebuyer Financing	Housing	\$ 255,000.00
5	HOME 2008	Various	Countywide	Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority	American Dream Downpayment Assistance (ADDI)	Housing	\$ 9,667.00
6	HOME 2008	N/A	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development - HDLAD (f/k/a) Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development - HDLAD	Elderly Residential Rehabilitation Program	Housing	\$ 459,997.00
7	HOME 2008	N/A	3	Shepherd's Court, LLC.	Shepherd's Court Permanent Housing	Housing	\$ 388,240.00
8	HOME 2009	4822	8, 9	Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO SET-ASIDE) - Homeownership	Housing	\$ 650,365.00
9	HOME 2009	N/A	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development - HDLAD (f/k/a) Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development - HDLAD	Elderly Residential Rehabilitation Program	Housing	\$ 551,727.00
10	HOME 2010	N/A	8, 9	Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO SET-ASIDE) - Homeownership	Housing	\$ 700,000.00
11	HOME 2010	N/A	8, 9	Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO Operating) - Homeownership	Housing	\$ 50,000.00
12	HOME 2010	N/A	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development	HOME Reserve	Housing	\$ 125,000.00
Total HOME Funds to be Recaptured							\$ 4,342,956.60

Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Recommended Redistribution of HOME Funds							Amount to be Allocated
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
1	HOME 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009	TBD	9	Villa Capri Associates, Ltd.	Villa Capri Apartments	Housing	\$ 2,650,000.00
2	HOME 2009, 2010	4822	8, 9	Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII - Rental	Housing	\$ 1,400,365.00
3	HOME 2010	TBD	6	Assistance to the Elderly, Inc.	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Housing	\$ 167,591.60
4	HOME 2010	TBD	7	Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning	Historic Preservation - McFarlane House	Historic Preservation	\$ 125,000.00
Total Recommended Redistribution of HOME Funds							\$ 4,342,956.60

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Housing Development Assistance Grant (HODAG)

Sources of HODAG Funds to be Recaptured							
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
1	HODAG 2009	N/A	9	Villa Capri Associates, Ltd.	Villa Capri Apartments	Housing	\$ 2,650,000.00
2	HODAG 2006	N/A	6	Assistance to the Elderly, Inc.	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Housing	\$ 167,590.00
Total HODAG Funds to be Recaptured							\$ 2,817,590.00

Housing Development Assistance Grant (HODAG)

Recommended Redistribution of HODAG Funds							
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
1	HODAG 2006, 2009	N/A	TBD	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development	HODAG Reserve	Housing	\$ 2,817,590.00
Total Recommended Redistribution of HODAG Funds							\$ 2,817,590.00

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Source of CDBG Funds to be Recaptured							
#	Year	IDIS #	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
1	CDBG 2003	3463	3	Peninsula Edison Plaza, LLC.	Edison Plaza Renovation	Economic Development	\$ 71,194.86
2	CDBG 2007	4570	Countywide	Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority	CDBG Deep Subsidy Program	Housing	\$ 554,904.76
3	CDBG 2008	4593	1, 2, 3, 5	Brothers Of The Same Mind, Inc.	Technical Assistance Program	Economic Development	\$ 10,311.30
4	CDBG 2009	4794	Countywide	Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States	Micro Enterprise Technical Assistance	Economic Development	\$ 8,365.48
5	CDBG 2010	4866	Countywide	Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department	Juvenile Services Department Diversion Programs	Public Services	\$ 267,607.96
Total CDBG Funds to be Recaptured							\$ 912,384.36

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Exhibit II

**Miami-Dade County
FY 2011 Action Plan Funding Recommendations**

REALLOCATION OF CDBG FUNDING TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Agency	Activity	Activity Description	District	NRSA	2011 Approved Funding R-179-11 (Action Plan)	2011 Recommended 16% Adjusted Funding (Accompanying Item)	Recommended Reallocation (This Resolution)
City of North Miami Beach	Improvements to Mishcon Park Ballfield	Park improvements to include installation of artificial turf on ball field and various other park improvements to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income persons	4	N/A	\$ 500,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 80,000
City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #8 Improvement Project	Upgrades to Lift Station #8 infrastructure to include the installation of new pumps, new control panel systems, upgrading of wet well and site upgrading to benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Opa-locka NRSA.	1	Opa-locka	\$ 100,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 16,000
City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #11A Improvement Project	Upgrades to Lift Station #11A infrastructure to include the installation of new pumps, new control panel systems, installation of generator upgrading of wet well and various additional upgrades to benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Opa-locka NRSA	1	Opa-locka	\$ 200,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 32,000
City of South Miami	SW 64th Street Improvements	Street improvements for SW 64 Street from SW 57 Avenue to SW 62 Avenue including sidewalks, tree planting and roadway improvements for low- and moderate-income residents of South Miami NRSA	7	South Miami	\$ 177,000	\$ 149,000	\$ 28,000
City of Sweetwater	Drainage Improvements Phase IV	Street drainage improvements for SW 112 Ave to SW 117 Avenue between Flagler Street and NW 8 Street; install two storm water drainage pumps to reduce area flooding to benefit low- and moderate-income residents	12	N/A	\$ 500,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 80,000
City of West Miami	City of West Miami Capital Improvement	Sidewalk infrastructure improvements to include ADA intersection accessibility ramp upgrades for low- and moderate-income residents	6	N/A	\$ 62,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 10,000
Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach, Inc.	Golden Palms Facility Improvements	Upgrades/improvements to Golden Palms Facility to improve four bathrooms with ADA improvements, hurricane mitigation for windows, doors and shutters to benefit 36 severely disabled and elderly (defined as 62 years of age and older)	4	N/A	\$ 156,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 25,000
South Florida Urban Ministries, Inc.	SFLUM Community Center	Public facility improvements to one public facility that will house after school and youth development programs for 60 low- and moderate-income persons.	2	West Little River	\$ 150,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 24,000
Miami-Dade Human Services [DHS]	Seymour Gelber Facility Improvements	Renovate a DHS owned facility located at 11025 SW 84th Street. Repairs will include bringing the facility up to current S-FLA Building Code standards and ADA compliance.	10	N/A	\$ 100,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 16,000

Exhibit II

**Miami-Dade County
FY 2011 Action Plan Funding Recommendations**

Agency	Activity	Activity Description	District	NRSA	2011 Approved Funding R-179-11 (Action Plan)	2011 Recommended 16% Adjusted Funding (Accompanying Item)	Recommended Reallocation (This Resolution)
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	A.D. Barnes Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 3401 SW 72nd Avenue. Specific improvements are walkways and utility improvements in support of Center Building.	6	N/A	\$ 100,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 16,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	African Heritage Cultural Arts Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the Center located at 2166 NW 62 Street. Specific improvement is the acquisition and installation of a new marquee sign.	3	Model City	\$ 50,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 8,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Brothers to the Rescue Memorial Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 2420 SW 72 Avenue. Specific improvements ball field refurbishing.	6	N/A	\$ 38,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 6,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Country Club of Miami South Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 6881 NW 179 Street. Specific improvements include landscaping, access control, fitness and playground equipment.	13	N/A	\$ 270,000	\$ 238,000	\$ 32,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Greynolds Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 17530 W Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach. Specific activities include a new sign and playground refurbishment.	4	N/A	\$ 72,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 12,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	International Gardens Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 12321 SW 18 Terrace. Specific activities include Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility improvements.	11	N/A	\$ 50,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 8,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Leisure Lake Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 29305 Illinois Road. Specific improvement is a new playground with shade structure.	8	Naranja	\$ 185,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 30,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Olympic Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 8601 SW 152 Avenue. Specific improvement includes a basketball court refurbishment.	11	N/A	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Paimland Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 15351 SW 304 Street. Specific improvements include a new sign and landscaping.	8	N/A	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 2,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Quail Roost Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 11336 Quail Roost Drive. Specific improvements include a new playground, walkway, and access control.	9	Perrine	\$ 200,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 32,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Ruben Dario Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 9625 W Flagler Street. Specific improvements include refurbishment of parking, basketball court and building.	10	N/A	\$ 100,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 16,000
Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Tamiami Park Facility Improvements	Facility Improvements for the park located at 11201 SW 24 Street. Specific improvements include refurbishment of multiple baseball fields.	11	N/A	\$ 132,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 21,000

Exhibit II

**Miami-Dade County
FY 2011 Action Plan Funding Recommendations**

Agency	Activity	Activity Description	District	NRSA	2011 Approved Funding R-179-11 (Action Plan)	2011 Recommended 16% Adjusted Funding (Accompanying Item)	Recommended Reallocation (This Resolution)
Miami-Dade Public Works	District 5 Capital Improvements	Roadway resurfacing at NW 20th St. from Delaware Pky to NW 27th Ave. to include eradication of water drainage/retention issues, milling and resurfacing of existing roadways whose driving surface has been determined to be in poor condition.	5	N/A	\$ 200,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 32,000
Miami-Dade Public Works	District 12 Public Works Resurfacing Project	Roadway resurfacing at NW 117th Ave from SW Tamiami Canal to NW 2nd St. and from NW 117th Ave. to NW 114th Ave. to include milling/resurfacing of existing roadways whose driving surface has been determined to be in poor condition.	12	N/A	\$ 45,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 7,000
Miami-Dade Public Works	Goulds Capital Improvements	Roadway resurfacing at SW 197th St. to SW 200th St. and SW 110th Ct. to Colonial Rd. (SW 117th Ave.); to include milling and resurfacing of existing roadways whose driving surface has been determined to be in poor condition.	9	Goulds	\$ 303,000	\$ 255,000	\$ 48,000
Miami-Dade Public Works	Melrose Capital Improvements	Tree Planting – Improve area with native trees along NW 35th St. as the northern border; NW 26th St. as the southern border, west side of NW 27th Ave. as the eastern border, and, NW 32nd Ave. as the western border; and, Welcome Signage (2 signs) to be located at prominent entrances to the Melrose community.	2	Melrose	\$ 200,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 32,000
Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Capital Improvements	Roadway Resurfacing at NW 83rd St. to NW 79th St. and NW 4th Ave. to N. Miami Ave.; and NW 103rd St. to NW 100th St. and NW 32nd Ave. to NW 27th Ave. to include milling and resurfacing of existing roadways whose driving surface has been determined to be in poor condition.	2	West Little River	\$ 200,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 32,000
Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Tree Planting	Improve area with native shade trees within the boundaries of NW 95th St. to NW 103rd St. and NW 7th Ave. to NW 27th Ave.	2	West Little River	\$ 52,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 8,000
TOTAL \$					4,175,000 \$	3,519,000 \$	656,000 \$

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Hispanics called integral to U.S. college goals

BY MICHAEL VASQUEZ
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President Barack Obama's goal of the United States achieving the world's highest proportion of col-

lege graduates will be significantly boosted — or dragged down — by the fate of Hispanic students, according to a pair of education reports released this

week. One of those reports comes from the White House itself. The Obama administration on Wednesday will release *Winning the fu-*

ture: Improving education for the Latino community. Preliminary excerpts from the report emphasize that Hispanics are by far the largest minority in U.S. public schools — comprising more than one in five in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Hispanics are also projected to account for the majority of the nation's population growth between

2005 and 2050. But Hispanic students graduate at lower rates than the population as a whole, making America's progress in education impossible if Hispanics continue to lag behind, the White House argues.

The theme is likely to resurface again when Obama delivers Miami Dade College's commencement address Friday night.

In the other report released this week — authored by the Washington-based nonprofit *Excellencia in Education* — a spotlight is placed on Florida's Hispanic college students.

What those numbers show: about 32 percent of Florida Hispanic adults have earned an associate's degree or higher, a number higher than in any other state. The national average is 19 percent.

Yet even that first-place showing among Florida Hispanics was behind Florida's overall degree attainment percentage of 36 percent.

"It's good news for Florida compared to the rest of the country," said Sarita Brown, president of *Excellencia in Education*. "But it's also a story that there's more work to be done."

Florida's sizable Hispanic middle class is a key factor in the state's relatively high

Florida's sizable Hispanic middle class is a key factor in the state's relatively high rate of Hispanic college graduates.

rate of Hispanic college graduates. Research has shown higher income levels, as well as college-educated parents, significantly boost a child's chances of completing his or her degree.

Excellencia's report, which is the first of a planned series of state-by-state fact sheets, did not break down Hispanics by county of origin.

In the White House's report, Hispanic college achievement is called "integral" to the administration's overriding goals.

"This is an American issue, not just a Latino issue," said Juan Sepúlveda, executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. Sepúlveda singled out pre-kindergarten education as one area with much room for improvement — Hispanics, he said, are the country's only ethnic group with less than half their children enrolled in pre-K classes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the date for public hearings on the City of Dade's proposed amendments to its comprehensive master plan which were passed in last Friday's paper was wrong. The correct date for the public hearings is Monday, May 18, 2011. The Local Planning Agency public hearing is scheduled for 7:30 PM that evening and the City Commission public hearing will be at 8:00 PM.
Maria Schmidt
City Clerk

Public Hearing

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2007 through FY 2010 ACTION PLANS

A public hearing is scheduled for the Economic Development and Social Services (EDSS) Committee Meeting on May 11, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers located on the second level of the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005, and FY 2007 through FY 2010 Action Plans. The proposed Amendment seeks to recapture and reallocate multi-year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and Housing Development Action Grant (HODAG) funds. Comments may also be submitted in writing from April 27, 2011 to May 26, 2011, to the attention of Rosemary Crawford, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), 701 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor, Miami, Florida 33136. Please contact Rosemary Crawford at (786) 469-2100, if you have any questions concerning this action, or to request accommodations for disabled or non-English speaking residents. Such requests must be made four (4) days in advance of the scheduled public hearing. Federal regulations governing the CDBG program require that a participating jurisdiction provide citizens with reasonable notice of, and an opportunity to comment on, any Substantial Amendments to the Action Plans. A complete copy of the amendment is available at our office at 701 NW 1st Court, 14th Floor Miami, Florida 33136 and on our web site at www.miamidade.gov/edss.

Source of CDBG Funds to be Recaptured					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
CDBG 2003	3	Perinulis Edison Plaza, LLC.	Edison Plaza Renovation	Economic Development	\$71,194.86
CDBG 2007	Countywide	Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority	CDBG Deep Subsidy Program	Housing	\$554,904.76
CDBG 2008	1, 2, 3, 5	Brothers Of The Same Mind, Inc.	Technical Assistance Program	Economic Development	\$10,311.30
CDBG 2009	Countywide	Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States	Micro Enterprise Technical Assistance	Economic Development	\$8,365.48
CDBG 2010	Countywide	Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department	Juvenile Services Department Diversion Programs	Public Services	\$267,807.96
Total CDBG Funds to be Recaptured:					\$912,384.36

Recommended Redistribution of CDBG Funds					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
CDBG 2003, 2007	4	City of North Miami Beach	Improvements to Mischka Park Ballfields	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$80,000.00
CDBG 2007	1	City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #6 Improvement Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$16,000.00
CDBG 2007	1	City of Opa-locka	Lift Station #11A Improvement Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2007	7	City of South Miami	SW 64th Street Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$28,000.00
CDBG 2007	12	City of Sweetwater	Drainage Improvements - Phase IV	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$80,000.00
CDBG 2007	6	City of West Miami	City of West Miami Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$10,000.00
CDBG 2007	4	Douglas Gardens Community Mental Health Center of Miami Beach, Inc.	Golden Palms Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$25,000.00
CDBG 2007	2	South Florida Urban Ministries, Inc.	SFLUM Community Center	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$24,000.00
CDBG 2007	10	Miami-Dade Department of Human Services (DHS)	Seymour Geber Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$16,000.00
CDBG 2007	6	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	A.D. Barnes Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$16,000.00
CDBG 2007	3	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	African Heritage Cultural Arts Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00
CDBG 2007	6	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Brothers to the Rescue Memorial Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$6,000.00
CDBG 2007	13	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Country Club of Miami South Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2007	4	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Greynolds Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$12,000.00
CDBG 2007	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	International Gardens Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$8,000.00
CDBG 2007	8	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Leisure Lake Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$30,000.00
CDBG 2007	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Olympic Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$3,000.00
CDBG 2007	8	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Palmland Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$2,000.00
CDBG 2007	9	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Ouell Roosevelt Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2007	10	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Ruben Dario Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$16,000.00
CDBG 2007	11	Miami-Dade Park and Recreation	Tarriami Park Facility Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$21,000.00
CDBG 2007	5	Miami-Dade Public Works	District 5 Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2007	12	Miami-Dade Public Works	District 12 Public Works Resurfacing Project	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$7,000.00
CDBG 2007	9	Miami-Dade Public Works	Goude's Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$48,000.00
CDBG 2007	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	Metrose Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Capital Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
CDBG 2010	2	Miami-Dade Public Works	West Little River Tree Planting	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$8,000.00
CDBG 2010	3	Miami-Dade Public Works	Floral Park Improvements	Public Facilities/Capital Improvements	\$256,384.36
Total Recommended Redistribution of CDBG Funds:					\$912,384.36

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ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Local Masses honor beloved former pope

The Archdiocese of Miami will take part Sunday in the worldwide celebration of the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

BY DANIEL SHOR ROTH
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For millions of Catholics, Pope John Paul II was a hero. After his beatification on Sunday, there will be only one more step before he becomes a saint.

"While alive, Pope John Paul II was seen perhaps by more people than any other person in history," said Miami Archbishop, Thomas Wenski. "The beatification confirms that when they saw him they saw someone who was a living saint."

As part of the worldwide celebration — which will focus on the beatification process on Sunday in Vatican City — the Archdiocese of Miami is holding some special Masses as well as a youth vigil.

For South Floridians, the historic visit of John Paul II to Miami in September 1987 left perhaps the most vivid memory of the late pontiff. But his journeys throughout Latin America, where he raised his voice against social inequalities and dictatorships, also won him the admiration of thousands of immigrants.

Particularly for Cuban Catholics, the Polish pope put the spotlight on the Catholic Church's role in Cuba when he visited the island for five days in 1998.

"John Paul II was the great fighter for all human rights," said Monsignor Felipe Estévez, auxiliary bishop of Miami, who saw the pope in Miami and in Cuba. "He never received the Nobel Peace Prize, but he deserved 10 Nobel Peace Prizes for the sense of brotherhood he promoted in the world."

brate a Spanish Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, 3601 S. Miami Ave. It is near the Viscaya Estate where Pope John Paul II met with President Ronald Reagan. Afterward, a ceramic mural will be unveiled outside the shrine that shows the image of John Paul II in the forefront and the mountains that surround Santiago de Cuba and the Basílica del Coque in Cuba on the background.

"It's a recognition of the one who talked about freedom to Cubans and who said, 'Don't be afraid,'" said Our Lady of Charity's rector Juan Rumin Domínguez. "Cubans always remember him with affection, whether they are Catholics or not."

Karol Józef Wojtyła was born on May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, a small city about 30 miles from Krakow. He was elected Pope in October 1978 — the first non-Italian pontiff in 400 years.

Upon his ascent to St. Peter's throne, he returned the Church to its proactive role in international affairs. He also worked to build bridges toward other religions.

Another characteristic of his pontifical term was his concern with the role of youths. Under his watch, the annual World Youth Day conferences reached out to the younger generations of Catholics.

He died in April 2005 and the beatification process began shortly after his death. Pope Benedict XVI decided to waive the five-year wait after the death of a candidate before beginning the process. The diocesan tribunal of Rome analyzed John Paul II's life, writings and ministry and interviewed more than 120 people who knew him.

The process went next to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which analyzed and verified, with the help of medical and theological experts, the healing of the French nun Marie Simon-Pierre by the miraculous intervention of the pope. Sister Simon-Pierre suffered from Parkinson disease, the same illness that affected the pope.

After Pope John Paul II's beatification, a second miracle attributed to him must be verified in order for the canonization process to be complete.

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ENERGY

Renewable energy plan rejected again

Solar producers say Florida missed a chance to create jobs by focusing on and rejecting a bill intended to help FPL.

BY MARY ELLEN KLAS
Herald/Times Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Solar and biomass energy companies mourned the loss of a sure job development opportunity Tuesday as the state Senate's budget chief put a spear through a bill to spur renewable energy in Florida.

"I pronounce that one dead," said Sen. J.D. Alexander, R-Lake Wales, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee after he indefinitely postponed a bill that would have allowed Florida's largest electric companies to raise electric rates as much as \$375 million a year for five years to develop alternative energy.

"I think it's a terrible idea," said Alexander, a citrus grower. "I can't believe we'd ask Florida to pay \$1 billion in additional assessments with zero regulatory oversight. I think that's fundamentally not right."

This is the third year the bill has been the priority of Florida Power & Light, and it is the third time the bill has died. "The only thing new this year is that the Koch brothers-backed Americans For Prosperity joined in the chorus of opponents to argue against the bill."

The conservative tea party group opposed the bill because the rate increase was "a direct hit on the wallets of every Floridian," but renewable energy companies disliked it because they saw it as a handout to the state's

electric monopolies. They tried but failed to get House and Senate leaders to expand the bill to allow generators of rooftop solar power or biomass plants to generate and sell energy alongside the utilities.

More than 30 bills attempting to develop a commercial market for renewable energy in Florida were proposed this session, but only the FPL-backed bill got a hearing.

"What the Florida Legislature failed to realize is they have a readily available workforce — of construction workers, engineers and developers — that could be put to work in the solar industry if there were some incentives," said Alton Rivers, president of Vanguard Energy Partners, a solar rooftop installer based in Stuart who does most of his business in New Jersey. Unlike Florida, New Jersey offers individuals and businesses financial incentives to recover the full cost of installing rooftop solar panels over five years. Since 2001, 8,950 individuals and businesses have installed solar units and the market is booming, he said.

Consumers save electricity, electric companies offset the need to construct new power plants, and the environment is spared emissions from fossil fuels, Rivers said. "Why would Florida not want to take advantage of one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation?"

But FPL was adamant it wanted a bill that allowed it to control the renewables market. It hired 32 lobbyists, seeded the Senate president and House speaker's political funds with hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions, and donated

more than \$4 million to legislators, the governor, and the political parties in the last two years.

The FPL-backed proposal won the support of both the House and Senate energy committees. It would have given the state's investor-owned electric companies the ability to raise rates to recover the cost of building solar power plants at a time when there is no demand for additional electricity generation. Progress Energy of Florida and Tampa Electric Co. said the effort was not a priority for them. FPL hoped to expand on their already growing solar energy market, and provide solar generation for the first green city on Biscayne Ranch. FPL customers using 1,200 kilowatt hours a month would have paid an average of an additional \$2.40 a month.

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| Education Advisory Committee | Unsafe Structures Board |
| Employees' Retirement Plan | |
| Green Team Advisory Committee | |

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Dated: April 10, 15, 20, 27, and May 2, 2011.

Patricia A. Cemy, MMC
City Clerk - City of Hollywood

LEGISLATURE 2011

Legislature debates everything but jobs

As the Florida House debates abortion, guns and religion, Democrats ask: Where are the jobs?

BY JANET ZINK
Herald/Times Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — In a year when lawmakers promised to focus on jobs, jobs, jobs, the Republican-led Florida House spent more than seven hours Tuesday talking about abortion, guns, gambling and religion.

"It's God, guns and freedom day," Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Destin, said last week in anticipation.

The House spent most of the day on six bills that limit access to abortions, two that help gun owners and one that would allow taxpayer funding of religious organizations. Another five hours of debate and votes on the abortion and religious organization bills is scheduled Wednesday.

"We should be focused on the jobs we all were sent here for — to create jobs, and to pass a budget," said Rep. Scott Randolph, D-Orlando, after a news conference challenging the abortion bills. "Yet, for whatever reason that's not what we're doing."

More than a dozen of the chamber's 39 Democrats raised the jobs issue during floor discussion of HB 1397, an abortion bill sponsored by Rep. Rachel Burgin, R-Riverview. Among other things, the measure would expand the state's prohibition on third-trimester abortions to include a ban once the fetus is viable. It also would require ethics training for physicians who perform the procedure and that abortion clinics be owned by doctors.

Hand on her hip, Burgin fired back at Rep. Rick Kriseman, D-St. Petersburg, who questioned what her bill does to advance job creation.

The House spent a significant amount of time last

work on legislation to fight pill mills, which also is not a job creator, she said. "It was important because Floridians are dying," Burgin said. Her bill, she said, is equally important because it's about life and safety.

In an interview before the discussion began, Rep. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, echoed those sentiments. "I've been a strong pro-life advocate in my entire life," said Brandes, co-sponsor of HB 97, a bill introduced by Gaetz that prohibits health-care plans created through the federal healthcare law from offering abortion coverage.

Brandes said such bills benefit Floridians. "The fundamental question is when does life begin. I believe life begins at conception," he said. "We have a duty to protect those lives. I consider those unborn children Floridians."

Some legislation moving through the House this year, such as bills deregulating dozens of professions, establishing an economic development fund for the governor and a cut to unemployment compensation issues, have been cast as job creation efforts. But a huge amount of time and energy has gone toward a conservative social agenda.

"It doesn't help my constituents who can't pay their bills or are being kicked out of their homes because of foreclosures," said Rep. Mack Bernard, D-West Palm Beach, who noted that in some parts of his district unemployment is greater than 40 percent. "I am disappointed, but this is the process. Some members have to be bappy and sometimes you have to feed some members real meat. This is the real meat."

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003, FY 2004, FY 2005 and FY 2007 through FY 2010 ACTION PLANS

Source of HOME Funds to be Recaptured					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
HOME 2004, 2005	1	Peninsula Housing Development, Inc. XVI	Royal Palm Apartments	Housing	\$17,529.67
HOME 2008	3	St. John Community Development Corporation, Inc.	St. John Village Homes II	Housing	\$5,430.93
HOME 2008	3	125 Developers, LLC	NOMI Homebuyer Assistance	Housing	\$1,130,000.00
HOME 2006	2	Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami	Scott Carver - Homebuyer Financing	Housing	\$255,000.00
HOME 2008	Countywide	Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority	American Dream Downpayment Assistance (ADDI)	Housing	\$9,667.00
HOME 2008	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development - HDLAD (W/A) Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development - HDLAD	Elderly Residential Rehabilitation Program	Housing	\$459,997.00
HOME 2008	3	Shepherd's Court, LLC	Shepherd's Court Permanent Housing	Housing	\$388,240.00
HOME 2009	8, 9	Centro Campeño Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO SET-ASIDE) - Homeownership	Housing	\$650,365.00
HOME 2009	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development - HDLAD (W/A) Miami-Dade Office of Community and Economic Development - HDLAD	Elderly Residential Rehabilitation Program	Housing	\$551,727.00
HOME 2010	8, 9	Centro Campeño Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO SET-ASIDE) - Homeownership	Housing	\$700,000.00
HOME 2010	8, 9	Centro Campeño Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII (HOME CHDO Operating) - Homeownership	Housing	\$50,000.00
HOME 2010	Countywide	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development	HOME Reserve	Housing	\$125,000.00
Total HOME Funds to be Recaptured:					\$4,342,958.68

Recommended Redistribution of HOME Funds					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
HOME 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009	9	Vila Capri Associates, Ltd.	Vila Capri Apartments	Housing	\$2,650,000.00
HOME 2009, 2010	8, 9	Centro Campeño Farmworker Center, Inc.	Florida City Village Phase VII - Rental	Housing	\$1,400,365.00
HOME 2009	6	Assistance to the Elderly, Inc.	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Housing	\$167,591.00
HOME 2010	7	Miami-Dade Department of Planning and Zoning	Historic Preservation - McFarlane House	Historic Preservation	\$125,000.00
Total Recommended Redistribution of HOME Funds:					\$4,342,958.68

Sources of HODAG Funds to be Recaptured					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Recaptured
HODAG 2009	9	Vila Capri Associates, Ltd.	Vila Capri Apartments	Housing	\$2,650,000.00
HODAG 2006	6	Assistance to the Elderly, Inc.	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Housing	\$167,590.00
Total HODAG Funds to be Recaptured:					\$2,817,590.00

Recommended Redistribution of HODAG Funds					
Year	District	Agency	Activity Name	Category	Amount to be Allocated
HODAG 2006, 2009	TBD	Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development	HODAG Reserve	Housing	\$2,817,590.00
Total Recommended Redistribution of HODAG Funds:					\$2,817,590.00

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 8(K)1(C) and 8(K)1(B)
File Number: 110993 and 110994
**Committee(s)
of Reference:** Board of County Commissioners
Date of Analysis: May 9, 2011
Type of Item: Resolution

Summary

These resolutions seek approval from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to:

- **BCC item 8(K)1(C) - Legistar Item No. 110993**- Authorize the County Manager to substantially amend Multi-Year Action Plans to recapture and reallocate program funds from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Development Action Grant (HODAG), change in scope for HOME project-Florida City Village Phase VII from homeownership to rental, and recommending that \$656,000 of the \$912,384.36 in reallocated CDBG go to capital and infrastructure projects impacted by the 16 percent reduction in FY 2011 CDBG funds.
- **BCC item 8(K)1(B) - Legistar Item No. 110994**- Authorize a substantial amendment to the FY 2008 through FY2012 Consolidated Plan, and the FY 2011 Action Plan to reduce the County's CDBG funding by 16 percent (\$2.778 million).

Background and Relevant Legislation

On March 3, 2011, the BCC, through R-179-11, approved the FY 2011 Action Plan. The FY 2011 Action Plan lists the activities to address the goals and objectives of the FY2011 Consolidated Plan which was approved by the BCC on November 4, 2010, through R-1083-10.

The FY 2011 Action Plan includes \$25,289,000 for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP).

On November 4, 2009, the BCC, through R-1284-09, approved the FY 2010 Action Plan, and on October 21, 2008, through R-1127-08, approved the FY 2009 Action Plan. On June 2, 2009, the BCC, through R-679-09, approved the FY 2010 Consolidated Plan and on July 17, 2008, through R-839-08, also approved the FY 2009 Consolidated Plan.

Recapture and Reprogram of Multi-Year Action Plans

The funds in Legistar Item No. 110993 recapture and reallocate the following:

- CDBG \$ 912,384.36
- HOME \$4,342,956.60
- HODAG \$2,817,590.00

Additionally, this item recommends a change in scope of a HOME project by Central Campesino Farmworkers Center (CCFC) – Florida City Village Phase VII from homeownership to rental. According to the County Manager’s memo, a total of \$1,400,365 in HOME funds was allocated to complete ten units under Phase VII of the project, but CCFC is unable to pursue the project as a for-sale homeownership project due to the current market conditions. CCFC proposes to advertise ten-single family detached rental units to current clients in the CCFC.

Furthermore, Legistar Item No. 110993 recommends that \$2,817,590 in HODAG funds be reallocated to the HODAG Reserve Funds. HCDC is unable to expend funds because U.S. HUD authorization to release funds is pending. This measure is being recommended by the County Executive Office (CEO), while the County works with U.S. HUD regarding the HOME expenditure requirements.

In a letter dated March 14, 2011, U.S. HUD informed the County it was in danger of missing its Commitment/Expenditure deadline for HOME funds. On April 27, 2011, the County responded to this deadline informing U.S. HUD of its intent to ensure the funds in question are committed and will be disbursed in a timely manner.

Finally, Legistar Item No. 110993 recommends that \$656,000 of the \$912,384.36 in reallocated CDBG funds go to capital and infrastructure projects to mitigate the 16 percent reduction in CDBG funding based on the federal governments approved FY2011 budget.

Substantial Amendment to FY2008-2012 Consolidated Plan and FY2011 Action Plan

Legistar Item No. 110994 amends the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan to address an anticipated 16 percent reduction in CDBG funding due to the recently approved FY 2011 federal budget. According to CEO staff, the County has confirmed with U.S. HUD Miami Office that the reduction will occur. The 16 percent reduction of CDBG funding to the County translates into an amount totaling \$2.778 million. Additionally, this item recommends the reduction across-the-board for activities originally approved for funding under the FY2011 Action Plan, except for the 40 percent set-aside for County Departments.

Furthermore, the recommendations for reduction proposed in Legistar Item No. 110994, maintain the BCC-approved policies of spending 20 percent in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) and 10 percent on economic development activities. Additionally, Legistar Item No. 110993, also on the same agenda, recommends the reallocation of prior year’ CDBG funding to offset the 16 percent reduction.

In response to questions posed by the Office of Commission Auditor (OCA), CEO staff provided the following information:

Is the Commitment/Expenditure funds deadline the same as the cancelled HOME funds deadline that was addressed and approved by the BCC through Resolution R-198-11 and R-316-11?

According to CEO staff, the reason R-198-11 and R-316-11 was presented for BCC approval was to recapture and reallocate funds from projects that are/will be cancelled. U.S. HUD has a requirement that projects must expend at least \$1 within 12 months of appropriation and

therefore R-198-11 and R-316-11 addressed the cancellation requirement. The Commitment/Expenditure is different because the requirement states that HOME funds must be committed within two years and expended within five years.

The \$656,000 being used to mitigate part of the 16% CDBG reduction, what was the funding going to be used for before the need to mitigate? *According to CEO staff, the funds were not earmarked for any specific projects. These funds can be earmarked for eligible CDBG projects that applied through the RFA process, or previously funded and require additional funding in order to finish projects that started or fill a funding gap.*

Why is the set-aside for County Departments not subject to the 16 percent reduction? *According to CEO staff, the set-aside was not exempt for the 16 percent but rather not in proportion for each project. The 16 percent reduction adjustment for County departments still equates to \$1.11 million but each project was evaluated by DHCD to preserve mandated programs.*

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