

Memorandum



Date: July 2, 2013

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Homeless Assistance

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) homeless continuum of care program competition, as authorized under the HEARTH Act, for the purpose of providing housing and services to homeless persons assisted through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (Homeless Trust) and the Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD).

Scope

If funded by U.S. HUD, the services will be provided Countywide through not-for-profit service providers eligible pursuant to applicable regulations and selected through a local competitive (Request for Applications) process.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The total amount anticipated to be received competitively for FY 2013-14 is approximately \$34.5 million in renewal funding for existing projects, with annual renewal amounts at a comparable level. Additional funding for new projects may also be funded (approximately \$1.6 million). It is also anticipated that the County, through the Homeless Trust, will provide Food and Beverage Tax match funding (up to \$800,000 per year) to programs serving the chronic homeless in low demand model programs. However, the obligation to provide the majority of the U.S. HUD-required match funding (generally 25% of each grant allocated) will be passed on to and provided by the non-profit providers selected competitively and funded through this U.S. HUD application.

Track Record/Monitor

Homeless Trust Executive Director Hilda Fernandez will be responsible for overseeing the grants to non-profit service providers selected through the local RFA, in coordination with PHCD Director of Contract Administration Crystal Coleman, who will be responsible for overseeing the allocation and monitoring of the funded Rental Assistance-only grants. The Homeless Trust has been the primary agency responsible for the successful application, contracting and monitoring of U.S. HUD Homeless Continuum of Care program funds since 1996.

Background

On an annual basis, U.S. HUD announces the issuance of its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for their Continuum of Care program national competition, as authorized by the HEARTH Act, making funding available for homeless programs throughout the country. The NOFA for 2013 provides funding to local communities for the continuation and development of housing and supportive services to serve homeless individuals, including the chronic homeless. The NOFA application requires local communities to develop and submit a community-wide consolidated application for funding for housing and services for homeless persons that meet identified local needs, gaps and priorities. This requires an annual analysis of the community's homeless housing and services inventory; needs identified through countywide surveys of homeless persons; the result of the homeless point-in-time census; and utilization information. U.S. HUD provides more favorable consideration for communities, such as Miami-Dade County, that use a coordinated and collaborative process to develop an application for funding.

As it has for the past eighteen (18) competitive funding cycles, Miami-Dade County, through the Homeless Trust, will again serve as the coordinating agency and the "collaborative applicant" for our community's homeless Continuum of Care application. The Homeless Trust's Continuum of Care Sub-committee, composed of representatives from organizations representing the different levels of the continuum and homeless sub-populations, advocacy groups, homeless persons, representatives from the other entitlement jurisdictions and technical assistance providers, among others, meets to develop the local gaps, needs and funding priorities for our County. Additional input is provided by homeless persons, service providers and staff, and public comment workshops are held to obtain input from the community on the developed priorities. The recommended funding priorities are approved by the Homeless Trust Board (as the U.S. HUD-recognized local continuum of care lead agency) on an annual basis.

Non-profit service and housing providers are selected through a local competitive process (Request For Applications) for inclusion in the application to U.S. HUD for either renewal funding or new project funding. The Request for Applications is duly advertised, a workshop is held for interested applicants and a selection committee is appointed pursuant to standard processes. Sub-recipients submit local applications with federally required program narratives, budget forms and expenditure plans, consistent with the priorities set forth in the RFA. The Homeless Trust Board will review and approve the applications that will be included in the local consolidated application to U.S. HUD. Due to the short period of time provided by U.S. HUD to respond to this national competition, the foregoing process for the development of a Miami-Dade consolidated application to U.S. HUD is underway. This process has been successfully utilized for the past eighteen (18) annual funding cycles.

If funded by U.S. HUD, it is anticipated that the NOFA application will provide for the creation of additional permanent housing units, and continuation funding for currently funded transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and services-only programs (e.g. employment programs, outpatient mental health treatment programs, legal services, and homeless outreach). All of the housing and collateral services will be consistent with the County's continuum of care approach, as outlined in the Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan, and local Standards of Care.

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It is anticipated that preliminary funding recommendations from U.S. HUD will be made later this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Benford', written over a horizontal line.

Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 2, 2013

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 Mayor'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

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Veto _____

7-2-13

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND FUNDS TOTALING UP TO APPROXIMATELY \$34.5 MILLION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE HOUSING AND SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATION PROCESS TO SELECT NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDER SUB-RECIPIENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, SOME OF WHICH MAY EXCEED \$1 MILLION IF RENEWED, WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND WITH SELECTED SUB-RECIPIENTS; AND TO MAKE DIRECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO OWNERS ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPATING SUB-RECIPIENTS UNDER THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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: (1) apply for, receive, and expend funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) allocated by U.S. HUD through the Notice of Funding Availability for homeless continuum of care programs under the HEARTH Act, in an amount up to approximately \$34.5 million, for the purposes of providing housing and services to eligible homeless persons assisted through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust and the Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD); (2) negotiate and execute such contracts and agreements, some of which

may exceed one million dollars if renewed, with U.S. HUD; (3) negotiate and execute contracts and agreements with non-profit providers selected as sub-recipients through a Request for Applications (RFA) process, following review of contracts by the County Attorney's Office; (4) make direct rental assistance payments to owners on behalf of participating sub-recipients under the Rental Assistance Program; (5) to expend any and all monies received for the purpose described in the funding request; and to receive and expend additional funds should they become available under this program for this purpose; and (6) to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application, modifications, renewals, some of which may exceed one million dollars if renewed, cancellations, and termination clauses of any contracts or agreements, for and 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of July, 2013. 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.



Estephanie S. Resnik