

Memorandum



Date: July 16, 2013

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Grant Application for Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department from the U.S. DOJ Office of Violence Against Women for the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") approve the attached resolution ratifying the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee action in applying for funds from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, for the Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative ("Program"), in the approximate amount of \$800,000.00 for a twelve month period, beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014. It is also recommended that Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional future funds that may become available under this Program for this purpose, to file and execute any amendments to funding applications for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, as well as to execute grant agreements and contracts as needed for this Program and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements following review for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office. Ratification action is necessary because the application deadline did not allow time to submit a resolution to the Board prior to submission of the application.

SCOPE

The impact to Miami-Dade County for the provision of these services is countywide in nature.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The United States Department of Justice grant has selected Miami-Dade County as one of twelve recipients to receive an award amount of \$200,000.00 for a 12-month period to participate in Phase I (Assessment). At the end of the Phase I (Assessment) period, six of the chosen twelve recipients will be competitively selected, based on their work plans to participate in Phase II of the initiative. The six selected recipients will receive a 36-month award amount up to \$600,000.00. The grant does not require matching funds. The project will not have an adverse fiscal impact to the County. Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department will administer these funds under index code COEVPDVHPE13.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The Community Action and Human Services Department has an extensive history of managing Federal grant projects. CAHSD will coordinate project implementation and management. Ivon Mesa, Program Manager, Domestic Violence Prevention, and Intervention Services, Coordinated Victims Assistance Center will monitor and process the disbursement and expenditure of grant

funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND

Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative Phase I (Assessment) is a community-wide effort geared toward, 1) improving support to victims of domestic violence, and 2) holding offenders accountable for attempted and committed murders. The Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women will select up to twelve (12) sites nationwide to participate in Phase I of the initiative. Selected sites will receive 12-month awards for up to \$200,000.00. Phase I will be exploratory in nature; and successful applicants will be required to conduct a comprehensive assessment of their process, systems, and partnerships that address domestic violence and homicide prevention.

This initiative will include the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, as lead partner, and community organizations and stakeholder entities including, but not limited to: the Miami-Dade Coordinated Victim's Assistance Center (CVAC); Victim Response Inc., operators of The Lodge (domestic violence shelter); Miami-Dade Police Department's Special Victims Bureau; Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida; State Attorney's Office; Mujeres Unidas en Justicia, Educacion y Reforma (MUJER); Legal Aid Society; Family Violence Service Prevention Network (FVSPN); Advocate Program Inc.; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council of Greater Miami (DVSAC); Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT); Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (FRT); and a Research/Assistant Professor from the University of Miami, who will guide the research and assessment component for Phase I.

At the end of Phase I, CAHSD and the partners will identify the key barriers and gaps faced by domestic violence victims and their children. The staff will complete and submit the comprehensive site-specific work plan to the Department of Justice. The work plan will address the key barriers that were identified during the Phase 1 (Assessment) period.

The United States Department of Justice grant has selected Miami-Dade County as one of the twelve chosen recipients to participate in Phase I (Assessment). The partners were identified and selected by their outstanding proven work throughout Miami-Dade County and their ability to thrive in a comprehensive environment that will produce a cohesive and inclusive work plan to elevate Miami-Dade County to the next grant Phase II initiative. At the end of the Phase I (Assessment) period, six of the chosen twelve recipients will be competitively selected, based on their work plans to participate in Phase II, and will receive a 36-month award in the approximate amount of \$600,000.00.

These funds will be used by Miami-Dade County through its Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD), and its collaborative partners to gather data and information to improve the identification of and services for high-risk domestic violence victims, while better monitoring high-risk offenders in order to reduce domestic violence related homicide.



Russell Benford
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: July 16, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A) (4)

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

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

Veto _____

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Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION IN APPLYING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, FOR GRANT FUNDS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY \$200,000.00, AND POSSIBLY AN ADDITIONAL \$600,000.00 AT THE END OF PHASE I TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR HIGH-RISK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS AND TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("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 County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee action in applying for the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative Grant ("Program") for funds totaling approximately \$200,000.00; and possibly an additional \$600,000.00 at the end of Phase I; authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to execute grant agreements and contracts as needed for this Program following review for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office; and authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to receive and expend Program funds; to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this Program for the purpose outlined herein; and to execute amendments and to exercise contract termination, cancellation and renewal clauses following review for form and legal sufficiency by 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:

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 16th 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