Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 7, 2014

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

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(3)

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant Application

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve this item, which does the following:

- Ratify the action of the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee in applying for U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program funds in the amount of $1 million;
- Authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, MOU, and amendments as may be required by program guidelines, after review by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency; and
- Authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional future funds that may become available under this program; 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, following review by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

Scope

The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation project is intended to provide resources to plan and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to address targeted crime issues within the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD's) Northside District in County Commission District 2, which is respresented by Commissioner Jean Monestime.

The Northside District includes the sub-divisions of Pinewood, Brownsville, Gladeview, West Little River, and Westview. The Northside District is bounded geographically by NW 135 Street to the North, NW 7 Avenue to the East, NW 20 Street to the South, and by NW 37 Avenue to the West.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The grant request of $1 million includes a local, cost-share match of $146,530. The match will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget's Grants Coordination Division (Grants Division), through in-kind staffing support, fringe benefits, local travel, and advertisements. The project period for the grant is three years.

Track Record/Monitoring

The Grants Division has an extensive history of managing grant projects and will coordinate project implementation and management. The Grants Division 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 U.S. Department of Justice.

Background

The Grants Division applied for a grant in the amount of $1 million, available through the U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program. Titled *Project PEACE: People Engaged and Advocating for Community Empowerment,* the goals of the project are to: 1) Amplify community safety through the reduction of violent crime activity, including crimes committed by youth; 2) Enhance community awareness of crime issues and crime-based services, including crime

prevention; and 3) Improve coordination and delivery of crime-based services within the targeted project area. *Project PEACE* will include a one-year planning phase and a two-year implementation phase.

During planning, proposed data-driven, problem-led, place-based policing activities and strategies will be determined in accordance with an approved crime-based plan, and will be based on further understanding and research of the ways that violence concentrates in the targeted project area through in-depth crime data collection and analyses.

The five target communities rank first in unincorporated Miami-Dade County in the number of homicides, forcible rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, larcenies, and auto-thefts committed. They also rank second in the number of burglaries reported to police. The Northside District has been identified as a major "crime hotspot" as required by the U.S. Department of Justice. The project will develop and implement a coordinated and holistic community crime-based strategic action plan, offering a continuum of approaches to address crime problems and leverage broader revitalization activities and services through cross-sector community partnerships.

During implementation, the project will consider the intervention of project strategies designed to target Enforcement, Prevention, Intervention, and Revitalization. Some potential strategies may include: MDPD Foot Patrols; Evidence-based, Intelligence-led Policing Strategies; MDPD's Neighborhood Resource Unit and Community Empowerment Team; Citizens Advisory Committees Meetings; Residential Empowerment Neighborhood Enforcement Walks; and Community Reentry Fairs for Ex-offenders.

The list of partners that comprise the required U.S. Department of Justice Cross-Sector Partnership and their categories include: the County's Grants Division, as Fiscal Agent; Miami-Dade Police Department, Law Enforcement Partner; Florida International University, Research Partner; Honorable Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime, Community Partner (for District 2); and Renita Holmes, Cross-Sector Partner. The U.S. Department of Justice also required the participation of a broad-based cadre of community partners, representing various community agencies and organizations. These entities are current and/or former partners with the County for various community initiatives who responded to the County's request. They agreed to support this U.S. Department of Justice mandate, and submitted letters as evidence of their planned participation in the project. Support letters were provided in the respective categories listed: Congressional Representation; Miami-Dade County Government Departments; Community and Faith-Based Organizations; Community Development Organizations; Behavioral Health Organizations; Business and Industry; and Criminal Justice.

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

Edward Marquez
Deputy Mayor

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: October 7, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(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 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
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-7-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR $1,000,000.00 IN UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE PROGRAM CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE

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 County Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program funds in the amount of $1,000,000.00 for the Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination Division Project; authorizes the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, as required by program guidelines, following review by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency; and authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available under this program for this purpose and 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, 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	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014. 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 Resnik