

**BCC Meeting: April 10, 2018
Research Notes**

**Item No. 9A1
File No. 180847**

Researcher: BM Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION RELATING TO GRANT FUNDING FOR THE 2018 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH SUMMER JOB PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE \$1,500,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FOR THE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW EDUCATION INITIATIVES, INC., A DIRECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OF \$2,556,625.00, INCLUSIVE OF THE \$1,500,000.00 FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AND \$1,056,625.00 IN COUNTY FUNDING, FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should authorize a resolution which:

- 1) Approves a grant funding the for the 2018 Miami-Dade County Youth Summer Job Program;
- 2) Authorizes the Mayor or designee to enter into an agreement between the County and The Children's Trust (Trust) to receive \$1,500,000 in grant funding and with the County, The School Board of Miami-Dade (MDCPS) County, and the Foundation (Foundation) for New Education Initiatives, Inc., to grant up to \$2,556,625 to the Foundation which will fund the Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP);
- 3) Authorizes the Mayor or designee to execute grant agreements, other required agreements, documents and the like to implement the program; and
- 4) Authorizes the Mayor or designee to apply for and receive grant funding for future Miami-Dade County Youth Summer Job programs.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Resolution R-235-15, adopted by the Board on March 3, 2015, directed the Mayor or Designee to create the Miami-Dade County Youth Summer Job Program.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/cob/library/Registry/Resolutions/Board-of-County-Commissioners/2015/R-235-15.pdf>

Resolution R-330-16, adopted by the Board on April 19, 2016, authorized the County to expand its Youth Summer Job Program and collaborate with The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., to launch the Summer Youth Internship Program.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/cob/library/Registry/Resolutions/Board-of-County-Commissioners/2016/R-330-16.pdf>

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez, District 7

Requester/Department: Juvenile Services Department

4/18/18: Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation by Public Safety and Health Committee; Passed 5 – 0.

Commissioner Jordan wanted to ensure that guidelines requirements were not restrictive and that it be open and objective.

Commissioner Levine-Cava commented that the Magnet School Programs had the lock on the program and it was not an open process to refer people and there were no open spots. She inquired about amending the item to say that the applications will be open and not restricted to magnet groups.

The Deputy Attorney advised that the concern was addressed by directing at least 40 percent of the participants were eligible for free and reduced meal programs.

Language has been included to require uniform advertisement of the program.

Commissioner Diaz commented that the questions could be brought up when the item is presented before the Board.

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FISCAL IMPACT

If the proposed resolution is approved, fiscal impact to the County is \$1,056,625 from the general fund. The Trust will provide \$1,500,000 in grant funds to the County.

ANALYSIS

This item seeks Board approval for a grant agreement to fund the County's 2018 Youth Summer Job Program in the amount of \$1,056,625 from the County's general fund and \$1,500,000 funded by The Children's Trust.

In July 2015, pursuant to Resolution R-235-15, the County launched the Youth Summer Job Program employing approximately 300 young people 30 hours per week for five weeks. In April 2016, the County expanded the program to collaborating with MDCPS and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., launching YIP.

In 2016, SYIP's inaugural year, consisted of the following results: 13 percent of the 1,463 participating youth were youth with disabilities; 717 employers participated in the SYIP; 97 percent of employers and 94 percent of youth reported they were satisfied with the SYIP; 98 percent of the youth who participated completed the SYIP; each youth was signed up for a bank account with South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union; 100 percent of the youth who completed the SYIP earned high school credit.

In 2017, the collaboration was expanded to include the South Florida Workforce Investment Board as a SYIP funding agency. During that year 2,176 youth applied to participate in the program and, with funding from all contributing partners, 1,827 youth completed the program; 539 employers participated in the SYIP; 98 percent of employers and 97 percent of youth reported they were satisfied with the SYIP; 94 percent of the youth who participated completed the SYIP

The goal for the 2018 SYIP, is to enroll a minimum of 2,650 participants through Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Reasonable efforts will be made to enroll no fewer than 100 students from each commission district. The program provides funding for participants to receive a stipend of \$1,237. They will also be eligible to receive a transportation stipend of \$100 to cover transportation and other incidental expenses. Additionally, in an effort to reach the most vulnerable students, the County restricted a minimum of 40 percent of its funding to support internship placements of students who receive free and reduced price meals.

The programs will recruit youth between the ages of 15 and 18 currently enrolled in MDCPS and residing in the County. The SYIP intends to hire approximately 28 certified teachers as independent contractors to serve as instructional supervisors to guide the participants and as liaisons between employers and SYIP administrators. There will be approximately 16 dedicated instructional supervisors to work with disabled youths.