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Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)(A)

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-1078-07

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S APPLICATION FOR (1) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (HCV FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS GRANT FOR UP TO $195,266, (2) PUBLIC HOUSING FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (PH FSS) PROGRAM COORDINATORS UNDER ROSS PROGRAM GRANT FOR UP TO $64,890, (3) SERVICE COORDINATORS IN MULTIFAMILY HOUSING GRANT FOR UP TO $225,850, (4) ROSS FAMILY AND HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT FOR UP TO $944,081, AND (5) ROSS ELDERLY/PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT FOR UP TO $450,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED

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 hereby authorizes the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (HCV FSS) Program Coordinators, Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program (PH FSS) Coordinators under Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Program, Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing, ROSS Family and Homeownership, and ROSS Elderly/Persons with Disabilities grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the subsequent acceptance

and expenditure of grant funds; authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such applications, contracts and agreements as are required by this governmental body following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to execute such other contracts as will serve to further the purposes described in the funding request, following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any additional funds that might become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to exercise amendment, modification, renewal, cancellation and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 2007. 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: KAY SULLIVAN
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shannon D. Summerset

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 2, 2007

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

coordinator position (salary and fringe benefits) for one year. In other words, funding from the grant would only provide funding support for the salary and fringes of a full-time Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator position to assure that PH Family Self-Sufficiency program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency. No local funding match was required.

Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing
The application for the Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant requested $225,850 in federal funds to support three new service coordinator positions. No local funding match is required. These positions are currently not in the proposed MDHA FY 2007-08 resource allocation plan. If funding is awarded, MDHA will work with OSBM to identify three positions to fulfill the functions of the grant. Funding from the Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant would provide service coordinators to assist elderly and/or disabled residents in the Little Havana I, Riverside, Gibson Plaza, and Singer Plaza public housing developments to obtain needed supportive services from the community. The number of clients targeted to be served over a three-year period is 150. Trainings and seminars would be available for up to 150 additional clients for a three-year period (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010).

ROSS Family and Homeownership
The application for the ROSS Family and Homeownership grant requested $944,081 in federal funds to support the proposed program and associated self-sufficiency training. Salaries to be supported include a portion of the salary for an existing Social Services Supervisor 1 position and eight new Community Family Social Worker (CFSW) positions in Project Year 1, which is reduced to four CFSW positions in Project Year 2 and two CFSW positions in Project Year 3. A funding match was required and provided through $1,238,474 in in-kind salary, fringe benefits, and rental space from existing funds within the Employment Services Bureau of DHS. Funding from the ROSS Family and Homeownership grant would support self-sufficiency training and services for MDHA's public housing residents. Services would include individualized training, self-help groups, employment related activities such as resume preparation and job search and interviewing techniques, mentoring activities, case management, homeownership counseling, and referrals to a wide range of community and supportive services that will assist residents to move toward self-sufficiency and eventual homeownership. The number of clients projected to be served over a three-year period (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010) is 840.

ROSS Elderly/Persons with Disabilities
The application for the ROSS Elderly/Disabilities grant requested $450,000 in federal funds to support short-term case management for MDHA's elderly/disabled public housing residents. Salaries to be supported include a portion of the salary for an existing Social Services Supervisor 1 position and one new Social Worker 1 position. A funding match was required and provided through $129,295 in in-kind salary, fringe benefits, and transportation from existing funds within the Elderly, Disability, and Veterans Services Division of DHS. Funding from the ROSS Elderly/Disabilities grant would provide for the delivery and coordination of supportive services and other activities designed to help improve the living conditions of MDHA's public housing residents who are elderly and/or disabled. Services would include short-term case management services, individualized training programs, self-help groups, and mentoring activities to teach and reinforce basic independence skills. The number of clients projected to be served over a three-year period (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010) is 390.

Cynthia W. Curry
Senior Advisor to the County Manager

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 2, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(G)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2007 SuperNOFA for Five Grant Programs

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution retroactively authorizing grant applications from the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) FY 2007 Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the following five grant programs:

1. Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (HCV Family Self-Sufficiency) Program Coordinators, for which the deadline was June 14, 2007;
2. Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program (PH Family Self-Sufficiency) Coordinators under Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Program, for which the deadline was June 29, 2007;
3. Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing, for which the deadline was June 20, 2007;
4. Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Family and Homeownership (ROSS Family and Homeownership), for which the deadline was July 20, 2007; and
5. Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Elderly/Persons with Disabilities (ROSS Elderly/Disabilities), for which the deadline was August 10, 2007.

Background

The SuperNOFA announces annual competitive grant programs funded by US HUD. Funding opportunities for most US HUD grants, including these five opportunities sought by the County, were released by US HUD in the official 2007 SuperNOFA announcement in the Federal Register March 13, 2007. The funding supports US HUD's strategic goal of helping Public Housing and Section 8 residents make progress toward self-sufficiency.

Of the more than 40 grants under the SuperNOFA, the County was eligible under application guidelines to apply for 18 of the grant opportunities. Of these 18 possible grant opportunities, five grants were not pursued by MDHA because there was no need or service requirements as specified by US HUD. For example, the lead hazard reduction grants were not sought due to the fact that MDHA has already implemented remediation.

The remaining 13 opportunities were reviewed and considered, and the Office of the Homeless Trust was the lead applicant for two grant opportunities and the Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc. (associated with the Housing Finance Authority) completed one grant opportunity. The last five opportunities were not pursued due to inapplicable programmatic requirements.

The purpose of the five grant programs in this request to the Board is to promote the development of local strategies to help MDHA's Public Housing and Section 8 residents make progress toward self-sufficiency and independence.

In summary, the ROSS Family and Homeownership grant, HCV Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators grant, and PH Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators grant foster economic

independence in order to reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance. The Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant and the ROSS Elderly/Disabilities grant foster independence by coordinating support services so that elderly and disabled residents can improve their living conditions and avoid premature permanent institutionalization. All five grant programs provide critical tools or resources that can be used by program participants to help develop new skills that will lead to enhanced self-sufficiency and independence. Many MDHA Public Housing and Section 8 residents (both individuals and families) have benefited as a result of their participation in past HCV Family Self-Sufficiency, PH Family Self-Sufficiency and ROSS programs.

The Miami-Dade Department of Human Services (DHS) partnered with MDHA on the the ROSS Family and Homeownership and ROSS Elderly/Disabilities grant applications and would administer these two grants if awarded.

Scope

The grant applications, with the exception of one, will serve residents countywide. The only grant opportunity not countywide in nature is the Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant, which will serve public housing residents in four Public Housing developments that fall within the City of Miami. There are two developments in the Little Havana area (Little Havana I and Riverside developments), one development in Coconut Grove (Gibson Plaza development), and one development in the Civic Center area (Singer Plaza development).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

A total of $1,880,087 was requested for the five grant applications. The time periods for the funding are as follows, but contingent upon the timely execution of a contract directly with HUD:

- HCV Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators grant is for the time period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;
- PH Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinators under ROSS Program grant is for the time period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;
- Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant is for the time period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010;
- ROSS Family and Homeownership grant is for the time period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010; and
- ROSS Elderly/Disabilities grant is for the time period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

The County has applied, and received funding, for four of these grants in the past. This year is the first time the County is applying for the Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing grant.

Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators
The application for the HCV Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators grant requested is $195,266 and will support three program coordinator positions (one existing budgeted position and two new positions). No local funding match is required. If funding is awarded, MDHA will work with the Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) to identify two positions to meet this function. This grant opportunity is only to support the funding needs for the three program coordinators to assist Section 8 housing participants enrolled in MDHA's HCV Family Self-Sufficiency program.

Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinators
The application for the PH Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators under ROSS Program grant requested is $64,890 in federal funds to support the continuation of one existing budgeted full-time