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OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: April 8, 2008

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No.3(J)(1)(A)

Resolution No. R-315-08

Subject: Grant Application to Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Florida Forever Program

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to apply for up to $1.5 million in grant funds from the Florida Department of Community Affairs for a Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Florida Forever Program Grant to acquire up to 11 acres of land adjacent to Castellow Hammock Preserve and Nature Center and further authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to receive and expend funds and execute contracts and amendments as required.

Scope

The Castellow Hammock Preserve and Nature Center is located at 21900 SW 157th Avenue within the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County, in Commission District 8.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will contribute up to $1,500,000 toward the cost of the acquisition project. The required match will be available from the Environmentally Endangered Land Program (EEL) and is anticipated to be 38% to 49% of the total project.

Track Record/Monitor

The FCT awarded the Park and Recreation Department (MDPR) a grant of $1,200,000 for land acquisition at Camp Matecumbe in FY 2002-03. The proposed grant, if awarded, will be administered by Beth Wojas, Grants Administrator for MDPR.

Background

The FCT, Florida Forever Program, is a State land acquisition grant program. This program provides funding to local governments and eligible non-profit environmental organizations to acquire land for community-based parks, open space and greenways that expand outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans. This grant application is consistent with those requirements.

The grant application is due on May 07, 2008. If the application is successful, funds will become available in September 2008.

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: April 8, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(J)(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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(A)
4-8-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-315-08

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR UP TO $1,500,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST (FCT) FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM GRANT TO ACQUIRE UP TO 11 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO CASTELLOW HAMMOCK PRESERVE AND NATURE CENTER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose 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 his designee to apply for up to $1,500,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Community Affairs for a Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Florida Forever Program Grant to acquire up to 11 acres of land adjacent to Castellow Hammock Preserve and Nature Center; and further authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such contracts and amendments as are required by this governmental body following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend all monies for the purposes described in the funding request; file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** 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**
Carlos A. Gimenez **aye**
Joe A. Martinez **aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle **aye**
Katy Sorenson **aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto **absent**
Audrey M. Edmonson **aye**
Sally A. Heyman **aye**
Dennis C. Moss **absent**
Natacha Seijas **absent**
Rebeca Sosa **absent**

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2008. 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. MR

Monica Rizo