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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

DATE: June 30, 2009

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(11)

Resolution No. R-857-09

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the application for the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Category 1)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution retroactively ratifying the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant in the amount of $3,463,508 from the United States Department of Justice for a community crime prevention initiative administered by Miami Dade County's Juvenile Services Department, Park and Recreation Department, and Police Department. Ratification of this application is necessary because the proposal deadline of April 27, 2009 did not allow time to submit the resolution to the Board prior to submitting the application. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by program guidelines, after approval by the County Attorney's Office. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Scope

The Alliance for Youth Excellence: A Police, Parks and Social Services Community Crime Prevention Initiative is a collaborative partnership between Miami-Dade County's Park and Recreation Department (MDPR), Juvenile Services Department (JSD), and Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) that will integrate evidence-based juvenile assessment, prevention, and intervention services with year round safe, enriching out-of-school opportunities that reduce juvenile crime during out-of-school hours and influence youth to become healthier and more responsible adults. Approximately 6,000 youths will be served at ten (10) park "hub" sites in low socio-economic areas. Services will be offered in five (5) core components through Afterschool, Sport Development, Summer Camp, and Teen programs that include: Intervention and Prevention; Recreation, Fitness, Sports Development, and Cultural Arts; Homework Assistance; Health and Nutrition; and Green Practices. The Intervention and Prevention component will offer year round juvenile assessments and targeted intervention services from JSD. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and unique anti-gang outreach opportunities from MDPD will be offered to program participants throughout the school year.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will provide $3,463,508 to: 1) facilitate job retention; 2) sustain delivery of out-of-school programming and essential juvenile assessment and prevention services; 3) increase out-of-school affordability and accessibility for parents; 4) prevent at-risk youth from entering the juvenile service system through assessment, customized system of care, and outreach; 5)

expose youth to an array of experiences and initiatives intended to reduce juvenile crime during out-of-school hours and positively influence youth to become healthier and more responsible adults; 6) expand program resources and sustainability by establishing community partnerships; and 7) create continuous program improvement opportunities through ongoing evaluation of performance measures. A match was not required; however, to maximize the number of children served it is anticipated that the County will provide a voluntary match in the amount of $2,174,275 over two years: $123,995 from a federal grant to JSD and $2,050,280 from the budgeted general fund subsidy for the Park and Recreation Department.

In the event of a reduction in budget, the program scope will be revised to meet the projected goals of reducing the incidents of violent crime or improve service to victims, facilitate justice information sharing, collaboration and problem solving.

Track Record/Monitor

Cindy Akerman, Manager of Administrative Services, from JSD will collaboratively administer the grants funds with MDPR staff. A Project Administrator will be hired by MDPR through federal funds for implementing and overseeing the proposed plan and collecting the corresponding data.

Background

At-risk factors among Miami-Dade County's youth population are a great community concern. The teen violent death rate (ages 15-19) has risen since 2002 from 4.8 to 5.5 per 10,000 teens in 2006. The high school dropout rate has steadily risen from 4.4% in 2002 to 6.7% in 2006; nearly twice the State rate of 3.5%. The suicide rate among youth ages 10-19 is a stunning 11.1%. 29.5% of students (middle/high school) are reportedly binge-drinking. 27.5% have used drugs; 23.5% were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property.

Children are most at-risk during the hours of 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm to: commit or be victimized by crime; smoke, drink, and use drugs; engage in premature sexual activity; experience depression; develop eating disorders; have dysfunctional family experiences; or get involved in gang-related activity. 27% of Florida children in working families are unsupervised in the afternoons. The need for affordable afterschool programs is greater within Florida urban areas and among Hispanic families. Souring unemployment and foreclosures rates are expected to place children at greater risk. At 7.5%, the unemployment rate in February 2009 was 2.8% higher than the previous year. Florida foreclosures accounted for 17% of the nation's 2.3 million foreclosures.

Miami-Dade County proposed initiative, *Alliance for Youth Excellence: A Police, Parks and Social Services Community Crime Prevention Initiative* presents a solution to this problem. It will integrate evidence-based, nationally demonstrated, juvenile assessment, prevention, and intervention services with safe, enriching out-of-school programming. The perception of afterschool programs as a "non-essential" community service continues to be disproven as emergent research links after-school program participation with violence prevention and increased academic achievement. After-school programs are proven to decrease juvenile crime and violence; reduce drug use, smoking, and alcohol abuse; and decrease teen pregnancy. Student participants in after-school programs exhibit fewer behavioral problems, better ability to handle conflicts, improved self-confidence, show improvement in standardized test scores, and decreased absenteeism and tardiness. MDPR's Out-of-School Programs help nearly 15,000

youths every year to identify options, make more appropriate choices, and understand the consequences of their actions all in a healthy and safe park setting.

Alina T. Hudak
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 30, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(11)

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 Mayor'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. 9(A)(11)
6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-857-09**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,463,508 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH EXCELLENCE, A COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE ADMINISTERED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE

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 ratifies the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant in the amount of $3,463,508 from the United States Department of Justice Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program for a community crime prevention initiative administered by Miami Dade County's Juvenile Services Department, Park and Recreation Department, and Police Department; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds, and execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by grant guidelines, after approval by the County Attorney's Office; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend any additional grant

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funds that may become available; and authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to exercise and execute any amendments, modifications, renewal and extension provisions, cancellation clauses, and termination clauses in any such applications, contracts, agreements, and MOUs, after approval by the County Attorney's Office.

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

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**absent**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**absent**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th day of June, 2009. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MD

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