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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

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

FROM: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-826-09

SUBJECT: Resolution Ratifying Grant Applications to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program, Categories I, II, III, IV, V, and VIII

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution retroactively authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend federal funds in the amount of $18,436,362 from the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance to support the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). This grant program is authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act") and in accordance with grant guidelines, the grant period will be August 1, 2009, for a period of two (2) years, ending July 31, 2011. This Recovery grant program does not require any local match.

Scope

The grants will provide countywide services by improving the capacity of the local justice system

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The grants will provide $18,436,362 Recovery Act funding to implement the proposed projects detailed below. The grants do not require any local match. The funding source is the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Track Record/Monitor

The grants will be administered and monitored by the MDPD.

Background

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 applications. The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are: to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The Recovery Act Byrne Competitive Program was appropriated $225 million in stimulus funding to be used to help communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provide for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. The competitive grant program focuses on initiatives in eight categories.

MDPD proposed six (6) projects in six of the eight categories, inclusive of a partnership initiative for Category VIII with the National District Attorneys Association. The requests are as follows:

Category I: Comprehensive Comprehensive Community-Based Data-Driven Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime requesting $3,283,498

The project strategy focuses on the expansion of Operation STOP, a violent crime initiative that is a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) model program; implemented in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE), U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Marshals Service, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the State Attorney's Office (SAO). The purpose of Operation STOP is to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system to effectively combat the violent crime in Miami-Dade County. The grant will enhance operations through an additional MDPD FIRE Gun Task Force and integration of local community outreach through the MDPD Gun Bounty Program.

Category II: Providing for Funding of Neighborhood Probation and Parole Officers requesting $1,180,333

The project strategy is to continue and enhance services to the estimated 10,500 adults and 1,180 juveniles on probation and others remanded to day treatment, house arrest, and home detention. MDPD works in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The purpose of this program is to provide the necessary funding to continue the MDPD Probation and Parole Program, providing offender monitoring as a crime deterrent. Extensive collaboration with local partners is important, including the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department, Miami-Dade Human Services Department, Miami-Dade Public School System, State Attorney, Public Defender, Florida Department of Children and Families, South Florida Workforce, and others.

Category III: Reducing Mortgage Fraud and Crime Related to Vacant Properties requesting $7,434,207

The project strategy uses the local Mortgage Fraud Task Force as a multi-discipline public/private approach, to reduce and prevent victimization of individuals and businesses. Partner agencies such as the Coral Gables Police Department, State Attorney, and Florida Attorney General will collaborate using investigative protocols developed by the local Mortgage Fraud Task Force (MFTF) team. The grant will provide the necessary funding to the Miami-Dade County MFTF to continue and enhance the combat against mortgage fraud.

Category IV: Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law enforcement Agencies requesting $4,372,407

The purpose of this grant is to identify sworn personnel who perform civilian duties and organize those duties into civilian positions which would provide the greatest support to sworn personnel. Sworn personnel will be re-deployed to traditional law enforcement responsibilities, making them available on the street, responding to emergency calls in an effort to reduce and prevent crime.

Category V: Enhancing Forensic Crime Scene Investigations requesting $283,160

As the only public crime laboratory serving Miami-Dade County, the MDPD Crime Laboratory receives over 59,000 items of evidence each year from MDPD and the 35 municipal agencies as well as federal agencies within Miami-Dade County. The grant provides funding to hire two Criminalists to serve as Evidence Coordinators to review cases, determine which cases should be deferred, retain the evidence on the deferred cases, and issue reports on these cases to the submitting agency. This will enable the

laboratory to analyze an estimated 150 additional cases per month, enhancing current coordination of forensic services to local law enforcement countywide.

Category VIII: National Training and Technical Assistance Partnerships requesting $882,757

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) will partner with the Miami-Dade Police Department to provide training and technical assistance to prosecutors and investigators nationwide. NDAA is a national organization representing 6,000 state and local prosecutors. MDPD is the local law enforcement agency with the recognized mortgage fraud expertise and proven success in delivering a statewide mortgage fraud training program. Through the use of technology via a secure web portal, webinars, podcasts, etc. as well as live, on-site training, training will be conducted in those communities documented as having the greatest number of mortgage fraud. The overall project is for $2,102,550 of which $882,757 is allocated to MDPD. Approval of this resolution will provide the authority to enter into the necessary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two partner agencies, NDAA and MDPD, to implement this initiative.

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. 8(I)(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 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. 8(I)(1)(A)
6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-826-09**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND $18,436,362 FROM THE RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE IN CATEGORIES I, II, III, IV, V, AND VIII; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, MODIFY OR AMEND THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS OR TO EXTEND THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD AS REQUIRED IF AWARDED

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 approves the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's action to apply for, receive, and expend $18,436,362 for the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program from the United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance, in categories I, II, III, IV, V, and VIII, and authorizes the County Mayor and/or County Mayor designee to receive and expend grant funds, execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by grant guidelines or to further the purposes described in the funding requests following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes described in the funding request; to apply for, receive and expend future additional funds should they become available through this grant program; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to exercise and execute any amendments,

modifications, renewal and extension provisions, cancellation and termination clauses of any applications, contracts, agreements, and MOUs 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 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.

Ben Simon