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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. 3(F)(1)(B)

Resolution No. R-784-09

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution Ratifying Submission of a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Labor, Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program in the Amount of $140,000 for Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services

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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 a grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor, Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) in the amount of $140,000 to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into the labor force. Ratification of this application is necessary because the proposal deadline of May 4, 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 execute contracts, agreements and amendments as required by the program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend additional funds should they become available through this program.

Scope

The grant funds will allow Miami-Dade County through its Department of Human Services, Elderly, Disability, and Veterans Services (EDVS) Bureau to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force, and provide a range of social services including information and referral services, deemed essential to addressing the problems faced by homeless veterans.

Through this grant the Department of Human Services anticipates the assessment of 100 homeless veterans, with an estimated sixty (60) being determined eligible for participation in the HVRP. Of the total eligible population of sixty (60) participants, an estimated forty (40) clients, representing 66% are projected to successfully complete all program requirements, including obtaining and maintaining employment. The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services will expand the services it provides to veterans, to include commonly requested and needed assistance such as, but not limited to: referrals for mental health counseling, job placement and housing. The Department of Human Services will also continue with its efforts in assisting veterans in obtaining disability compensation benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs. Veterans that are approved for compensation benefits are entitled to additional benefits for training and education. This twelve (12) month project will be led by the Department of Human Services. However, this grant application requires a collaborative partnership with other governmental and not-for-profit non-governmental, community-based partners. These partners have been identified as: Camillus House, Miami Rescue Mission, Community Partnership for Homeless, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program at Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), City of Miami Homeless Assistance Program (MHAP), South Florida Workforce, the Miami Vet Center and the Miami Dade College Hospitality Institute.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The U.S. Department of Labor, Urban Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program funds will provide approximately $140,000 to Miami-Dade County through its Department of Human Services to assist homeless veterans with obtaining and retaining employment. Funds will be used for direct services. There are no administrative costs associated with this grant. This grant application requires no matching funds. The per unit cost is estimated to be $1400 per client for the projected 100 clients that will be assessed for program participants.

Track Record/Monitor

The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services has been providing services to veterans for over thirty (30) years. Through its Elderly, Disability, and Veterans Services Bureau the Department provides oversight of the Care Planning Unit, Home Care, Disability Services and Independent Living (DSAIL), Veterans Services, Adult Day Care, Senior Centers and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs. Administrative oversight and monitoring of the grant will be provided by the Bureau Chief for the Elderly, Disability, and Veterans Services Program. The Department of Human Services will serve as lead agency with the participation of the following additional service provider organizations: Camillus House, Miami Recue Mission, the Community Partnership for Homeless Program and Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program at VAMC, City of Miami Homeless Assistance Program (MHAP), South Florida Workforce, the Miami Vet Center and the Miami-Dade College Hospitality Institute.

Background

The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services is seeking funds to serve 100 unduplicated homeless veterans. Sixty (60) participants will be determined eligible for the HVRP and 66% of these enrollees are projected to be successful in meeting all program requirements including obtaining and maintaining employment. The program will serve as part of the continuum of services under the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services. Client services will include the full range of commonly requested and needed assistance such as, mental health counseling, job placement and housing referrals.

Attachment

Special Assistant for Social Services

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. 3(F)(1)(B)

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. 3(F)(1)(B)
6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-784-09**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, URBAN HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $140,000 FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES TO VETERANS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS 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 ratifies the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of an application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Urban Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program in the approximate amount of $140,000 for the purpose of providing services to 100 homeless veterans in order to reintegrate them into meaningful employment within the labor force, and to provide the range of social services deemed essential to addressing the problems faced by homeless veterans; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds, execute such contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding (MOU), and amendments as required by grant guidelines to further the purposes described in the funding requests, following approval by the County Attorney's Office; and authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive,

and expend additional grant funds should they become available through this program for this purpose.

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.

Mandana Dashtaki