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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)(C)

Resolution No. R-785-09

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Ratification of Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Labor, Coordinated Victims Assistance Legal Services Collaborative in the Approximate Amount of $1,000,000 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 ratifying the Mayor or Mayor's designee's submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Labor, Coordinated Victims Assistance Legal Service Collaborative (CVALSC) in the approximate amount of $1,000,000 for Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services Targeted Services Bureau to improve resources and services to crime victims. 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 CVALSC guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program. Ratification of this application is necessary because the deadline of April 27, 2009 did not allow time to submit a resolution to the Board prior to the submission of the application.

Scope

These funds will allow the Department of Human Services Targeted Services Bureau to assist underserved populations experiencing hate crimes, domestic violence, physical/sexual child abuse and exploitation. The Department of Human Services expects to serve seventy (70) victims monthly totaling 1,680 for the two (2) year grant period scheduled to commence on July 31, 2009 through July 30, 2011. This project will be led by the Department of Human Services in a collaborative partnership as mandated by the application, with three (3) other governmental and not-for-profit agencies: Legal Aid Society (LAS) which will be responsible for training, hiring, supervising applicants and implementing the legal representation component; State Attorney's Office (SAO) 11th Judicial Circuit through their specialized Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Unit and Felony Domestic Crimes Unit, which will assist with obtaining sworn statements, collecting photos of injuries, assessing victims needs, providing referral information, and assisting with crime compensation, shelter, and relocation; and the Family Court Self Help Program (FCSHP), which will provide the intake services that assist litigants and case management functions that support Family Court. This collaboration is designed to address the service gaps in the areas of legal representation, assistance with filing criminal cases, Pro Bono Assistance with Family Court matters, court accompaniment, information, and facilitation of court orientation workshops. The three (3) partners are currently housed at the Department of Human Services Coordinated Victims Assistance Center (CVAC) which will serve as the program site. The co-location of these agencies provides a one stop location for residents seeking these services. Funding for this project will also allow for the creation of seven (7) new full-time positions at the CVAC.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source
The U.S. Department of Labor, Coordinated Victims Assistance Legal Services Collaborative funds will provide approximately $1,000,000 for the purposes of improving resources and services to crime victims. The grant application requires no matching funds. Funds from the grant will be for direct services. The cost per client is estimated to be $595, based on the grant term and total funding to be provided.

Track Record/Monitor
The Department of Human Services through its Targeted Services Bureau (TSB) is responsible for the oversight of the Violence Intervention and Prevention Services (VIPS) Unit. The unit currently provides services through two (2) emergency shelters and two (2) transitional housing facilities for victims of domestic violence in conjunction with the operation of the County's Coordinated Victims Assistance Center (CVAC). The Department of Human Services through its TSB Chief will be responsible for the administrative oversight and monitoring of this grant. The Department of Human Services will serve as lead agency for the grant and be responsible for service coordination with the collaborative partners: The State Attorney's Office (SAO), Legal Aid Society, Inc. and Family Court Self-Help Program (FCSHP) in the provision of services to assist the targeted population. The Department of Human Services and the three (3) partners involved in this collaborative effort are all providers of services of this nature, with successful track records. Further, these agencies have partnered in numerous long term established projects throughout the years.

Background
The Department of Human Services is seeking funds to serve approximately 1,680 crime victims at an average cost of $595 per client during this twenty-four (24) month project. An estimated seventy (70) clients are projected to be served and assisted monthly. The program will serve as part of the continuum of services under the Department of Human Services Coordinated Victims Assistance Center (CVAC). Client services at the CVAC include counseling for children, community referrals and advocacy, direct relief funding, employment services, immigration legal services, injunction services, victim compensation assistance, parenting classes, relocation assistance, transportation assistance, support groups, and crisis individual/group counseling. This funding will allow the CVAC to expand its services continuum to include the availability of legal services.

The estimated contract amount from the U.S. Department of Labor, Coordinated Victims Assistance Legal Services Collaborative is $1,000,000, for the two (2) year grant period. It is a collaboration with the Department of Human Services and three (3) partners to offer legal services to the CVAC clients that will heighten the current services continuum of the CVAC.

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)(C)

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)(C)
6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-785-09

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, COORDINATED VICTIMS ASSISTANCE LEGAL SERVICES COLLABORATIVE IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF $1,000,000 FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PHYSICAL/SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE EXPLOITATION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE GRANT AWARD, 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, Coordinated Victims Assistance Legal Services Collaborative in the approximate amount of $1,000,000 for the purpose of improving resources and services to underserved populations that experience hate crimes, domestic violence, physical/sexual child abuse and exploitation; authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to receive and expend said grant funds, execute such contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding (MOU), and amendments as are 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 under 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. MD

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