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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 1, 2009

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

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(3)

Resolution No. R-1372-09

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Miami-Dade County's U.S. Department of Justice Grant Request to Implement a Juvenile Detention Alternative Program at the Juvenile Services Department.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board ratify the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for and accepting a United States Department of Justice grant award in the amount of $200,000. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and amendments as required by program guidelines, after approval by the County Attorney. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the 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 the County.

Scope

The Miami Dade County Juvenile Services Department will integrate evidence-based juvenile assessment, prevention, and intervention services with innovative alternatives to secure detention. In 2008, 4,488 juveniles were detained for non violent offenses. The Miami Dade Juvenile Services Department will expand its internationally recognized Juvenile Justice Model by piloting the Miami County Juvenile Detention Alternative Program (MDJDA), an alternative to secure detention for non violent offenders. The goal of the program is to utilize GPS monitoring systems for detainable non-violent offenders, while pending trial. To achieve this goal, the following strategies will be implemented: (1) Serve a maximum of 475 clients; (2) Reduce the likelihood of re-arrests by 60%; (3) Provide the community with an alternative to secure detention to prevent delinquent risk behaviors. The project will collect data to measure the recidivism rates as well as identified process measures.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will provide $200,000 to implement the pilot program, sustain delivery of innovative alternatives to secure detention for eligible juveniles and further decrease the amount of juveniles held in secure detention thus saving the county pre-adjudication costs. A match was not required.

Track Record/Monitor

Wansley Walters, Director of JSD will administer the grant funds, oversee the proposed plan and monitor the collecting of the corresponding data.

Background

Over the last ten years, Miami-Dade County has engaged in juvenile justice reform and has documented a 46% reduction in juvenile arrests, an 80% reduction in re-arrests and a drop in the detention population from over 300 a day to approximately 100. However, in Miami-Dade there is currently a lack of appropriate alternatives to secure detention for non violent offenders. In 2008, over 4,400 juveniles were detained for non violent offenses.

The MDJDA pilot program presents a solution to this problem and will seek to further reduce this number by providing innovative alternatives to secure detention while ensuring community safety. It will integrate evidence-based, nationally demonstrated, juvenile assessment, prevention, and intervention services with advanced technology.

Alina Hudak
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: December 1, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9(A)(3)

Please note any items checked.

_____	"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
____√____	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
_____	No committee review
_____	Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve
_____	Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(3)

12-1-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-1372-09

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE 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 ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for and accepting a grant award from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of $200,000; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) as required by grant guidelines, after approval by the County Attorney; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available; and authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to file and execute any amendments to the application and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez 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	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	absent
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 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.

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