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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** October 5, 2010

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

**From:** George M. Burgess
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(8)

Resolution No. R-1012-10

**Subject:** Miami-Dade Court Training and Improvements Program Specialized Domestic Violence Court Enhancement Project Grant Application

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women "Court Training and Improvements Program" funds in the amount of $349,954, as applicant, on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. 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 during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the County; 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.

**Scope**

The scope of this project is countywide. The Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts, the State Attorney's Office, and the Advocate Program will expand and improve the collaboration with community partners in order to address the needs of victims of intimate partner violence; reduce barriers to victims accessing services; increase victim safety; and improve offender accountability. The project period is 36 months.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The County applied on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. Resolution Number R-79-03 approved the designation of the County as the fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in connection with certain grants provided to the Circuit. This grant will provide $349,954 to implement the project. Matching funds are not required.

**Track Record/Monitor**

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the largest circuit in the state with the fourth largest trial court in the nation, has been innovative in implementing programs and services to address problems which impact the court and the community. The AOC's Grants Administration Office has worked collaboratively since 1995 with the Justice Department and the community to obtain funding for services for those who come in contact with the judicial system. The AOC's Grants Administration and Administrative Service Division have managed and administered many of these grants. AOC will be responsible for the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and shall assume responsibility for managing programmatic and fiscal records in accordance with the project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the Department of Justice.

**Background**

In a collaborative partnership, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida will enhance its specialized Domestic Violence Court Division through the *Court Training and Improvements Program Specialized Domestic Violence Court Enhancement Project*. Project partners include the State Attorney's Office and the Advocate Program, Inc., a court sanctioned community-service agency. Current "system gaps" identified include limited victim follow-up to check on safety and violations of stay-away orders; the lack of continued advocacy and support to victims upon the resolution of their criminal case; limited trauma-informed, home-based services to victims and their children; and limited Creole interpreter services.

The Project will develop a comprehensive victim response and evidence-based model that will engage 125 victims throughout several points of the criminal justice process, and address identified system gaps. The model will include: 1) Expansion of a trauma-informed system of care/wraparound model for victims of intimate partner violence and their children; 2) Focus on conducting trauma-informed assessments with victims and their children; and 3) Empowering victims to initiate safety planning and individualized goal plans.

The short turnaround time imposed by the application deadline did not allow sufficient time for the processing of the resolution, and its submission to the Board prior to submission of the application.

Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Special Assistant/Director
Office of Strategic Business Management

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# MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** October 5, 2010

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 9(A)(8)

**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)(8)
10-5-10

RESOLUTION NO. R-1012-10

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FUNDS; AS APPLICANT, ON BEHALF OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, 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 of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women "Court Training and Improvements Program" funds in the amount of $349,954, as applicant, on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. 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 during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the County; 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 Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Dennis C. Moss, Chairman | aye | | |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman | aye | | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | aye | 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 | aye |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | aye | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2010. 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.

Shannon Summerset

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Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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

1-23-03

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DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-79-03

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN GRANTS PROVIDED TO THE CIRCUIT

**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 approves the designation of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, as the fiscal agent for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida in connection with certain grants provided to the Circuit.

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

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| Bruno A. Barreiro | absent | Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler | aye |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | aye | Betty T. Ferguson | aye |
| Sally A. Heyman | absent | Joe A. Martinez | aye |
| Jimmy L. Morales | aye | Dennis C. Moss | aye |
| Dorrin D. Rolle | aye | Natacha Seijas | aye |
| Katy Sorenson | aye | Rebeca Sosa | aye |

Sen. Javier D. Souto aye

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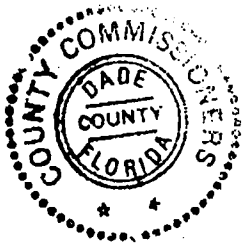
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.




MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

**KAY SULLIVAN**

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Murray A. Greenberg

STATE OF FLORIDA )
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ) SS:

I, HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution R-79-2003, at its meeting held on January 23, 2003, as appears of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this **31st** day of January, A.D. 2003.

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By _____
Deputy Clerk

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