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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: October 5, 2010

Agenda Item No. 18(A)(7)

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

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-1040-10

Subject: Medical Examiner Department FY 10 Forensic Science Training Development and Delivery Program Grant Application

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) ratify the Mayor or Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice FY 2010 Forensic Science Training Development and Delivery Program funds in the amount of $500,425. 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 the project is countywide in nature, and will benefit state and local forensic science practitioners and criminal justice partners throughout the Nation. Project goals include: 1) Enhance the delivery of an existing, year-round Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program; and 2) Provide Forensic Science training opportunities at no-cost to State and local forensic science practitioners and criminal justice partners. Project funding will support 2,080 hours of intensive, hands-on, multidisciplinary training to four physician pathologists (Fellows) participating in the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program; and 40 hours of free (required) Forensic Science training and education to an estimated 90 State and local forensic science practitioners, and criminal justice partners (3,600 total hours).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

If funded, this grant will provide a one-year grant award in the amount of $500,425 with an option for renewal for up to three years of grant funding. A match contribution in the amount of $278,342 comprised of personnel and fringe benefit costs for two participant Forensic Science Pathology Fellows is provided by the Medical Examiner Department.

Track Record/Monitor

Medical Examiner Department will serve as the administering agency for the grant project, and be responsible for overall grants management and fiscal administration. The department has an extensive history of managing grant projects. The Department will handle the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by the Department of Justice.

Background

Ratification of this application is necessary because 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.

This important project will support training and staff development for the Medical Examiner Department's need to fulfill the department's mission and maintain accreditation. The need for requested grant funds is substantiated by the ongoing budgetary constraints faced by the County, as they continue to impact the department's staffing and training resources. Since 2007, the Medical Examiner Department has reduced its departmental budget by 24%, losing a total of 17 positions. With a projected County revenue reduction of 12% for FY 2010-11, the department faces an additional $2.6 million budgetary gap, with the possibility of having to eliminate its training programs and staff altogether. As a result, the nationally accredited and internationally known Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program (a proud fixture of the department since 1963), and the Medicolegal Investigation of Death forensic training program would be impacted. Without DOJ grant funds, the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department may jeopardize its ability to sustain its continuing quality and timely delivery of services, maintain its long-standing accreditation with the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and comply with its statutorily mandated duty to provide medicolegal death investigative services for an estimated 2.4 million residents of Miami-Dade County.

Assistant County Manager

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. 18(A)(7)

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 _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-1040-10

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $500,425 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FY 2010 FORENSIC SCIENCE TRAINING DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY PROGRAM; 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; and

WHEREAS, this Board has adopted Resolution No. R-784-10, authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to administer County business during the Board of County Commissioners' 2010 summer recess as provided therein, and has directed that all actions taken pursuant to such authority be submitted to this Board for ratification at its October 5, 2010 meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby ratifies the Mayor or Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice FY 2010 Forensic Science Training Development and Delivery Program funds in the amount of $500,425. The Board further authorizes 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. The Board also authorizes 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 **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **absent**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**nay**
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. JEB

Jason E. Bloch