



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A) (2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 15, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Resolution ratifying the County
Mayor to submit an application
to the U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development Choice
Neighborhood Initiative Planning
Grant funds in the amount of
\$300,000 for Liberty Square

Resolution No. R-424-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Public Housing and Community Development and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/cp

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Date: May 15, 2012

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
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From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Ratifying the Action for the Public Housing and Community Development Department to Apply for, Receive and Expend Funds from the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Application for Liberty Square

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution ratifying the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Housing and Urban Development) Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant (Planning Grant) funds in the amount of \$300,000 for Liberty Square; and authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, and amendments, as required by program guidelines, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the County Mayor or the County 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 Miami-Dade County; and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

SCOPE

The Planning Grant funds will be used by Public Housing and Community Development Department (Department) to create a comprehensive plan to transform public and assisted housing within the distressed neighborhood of Liberty City in Miami-Dade County. The Department will develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy known as a *Transformation Plan*. The project will target Liberty Square, a family public housing development located at NW 62nd Street and 12th Avenue, and the surrounding neighborhoods, within Commission District 3.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The Planning Grant funds will cover partial project costs. A required minimum twenty-five percent (25%) cash leverage commitment, with an equal in-kind match will include \$75,000 in cash from the Department and \$75,000 in in-kind from the collaborative project partners. The total value of the project is \$450,000. The project will not have an adverse fiscal impact to the County's general fund.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The Department has an extensive history of managing Federal grant projects. The Department will coordinate project implementation and management, will monitor and process the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and manage programmatic and fiscal reporting in accordance with project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by Housing and Urban Development.

BACKGROUND

The Department will target the Liberty City community and the Liberty Square public housing development. The Choice Neighborhood Initiative will employ a comprehensive approach to neighborhood revitalization by transforming the community, revitalizing public and assisted housing, and by promoting leverage investments.

Phase I of the project is the *Planning* component, and will result in the development of the *Transformation Plan*. If the County is successful in receiving funding for Phase I, the County will then apply to Housing and Urban Development for Phase II funding for an *Implementation* grant of up to \$30 million. Planning grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood *Transformation Plan*, and build support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented.

The Choice Neighborhood project will focus on three core goals: 1) transforming housing from distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long-term; 2) supporting positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and 3) transforming neighborhoods from distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income and sustainable neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

Collaborative partners to the project will include, but are not limited to: Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade; South Florida Regional Planning Council; and Miami-Dade County's Sustainability, Planning and Economic Enhancement Department; Community Action and Human Services Department; and the Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination.

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



Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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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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5-15-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-424-12

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR LIBERTY SQUARE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY 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 ratifies the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant funds in the amount of \$300,000, for the Public Housing and Community Development's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant Project for Liberty Square. The Board further authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to receive and expend these grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, memoranda of understanding, and amendments, as required by program guidelines, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office. The Board also authorizes the County Mayor or the County 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

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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 **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	aye		
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of May, 2012. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Terrence A. Smith