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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

Date: May 6, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Ratifying the Submission of a Grant Application to the State Office on Homelessness for Homeless Prevention Funding

Resolution No. R-434-14

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 action of applying for funds from the State of Florida Department of Children and Families Office on Homelessness (State Office on Homelessness) for homeless prevention grant funds; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to approve and execute any agreements, amendments or extensions resulting from this application for funding.

Scope

The impact of this resolution is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The Homelessness Prevention Grant program is funded pursuant to Florida's approved Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") State Plan from federal TANF block grant funds received by the state from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as appropriated by the Florida Legislature. There is no fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County for the administration of this grant. The awarded funds do not require matching funds.

Track Record/Monitor

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (Trust) is the state-designated lead agency for the Miami-Dade County homeless continuum of care system. The persons responsible for ensuring that the County and Trust meet all required deliverables are Terrell T. Ellis, Contracts Monitor and Management Supervisor, and Miguel Pimentel, Administrative Officer 1.

Background

In 2013, the Florida Legislature created the Homelessness Prevention Grant program to provide emergency financial assistance to families facing the loss of their current housing due to a financial or other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness is authorized to provide homeless prevention grants annually to the lead agencies designated for the local homeless assistance continuum of care in the state. The intent of the program is to prevent families from becoming homeless and to enable them to remain stably housed following the assistance provided. The eligible applicants to apply for this State funding are limited to the lead agencies of the homeless assistance continuum of care planning areas in accordance

with section 420.624, Florida Statutes; the Trust is the state-designated lead agency for the Miami-Dade County continuum of care.

On January 29, 2014, the State Office on Homelessness issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for grant funding for homeless prevention. The deadline for submission of the application was February 17, 2014. A maximum of $300,000 in grant funds could be requested and all grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2014. In light of the short deadline for submission of the application and for expenditure of funds, the Trust immediately prepared and issued a Request for Letters of Interest for all currently funded homeless prevention providers. Citrus Health Network, Inc. (Citrus Health) was the only agency to provide a response. Citrus Health, through its Housing Assistance Network of Dade (HAND) Program provides rental assistance to households throughout Miami-Dade County with local, state and federal funding. The State TANF homeless prevention funds would be used specifically to provide up to four (4) months of rent assistance in arrears to prevent homelessness and would be combined with other homeless prevention funding to allow a household to receive additional assistance to help stabilize their housing situation.

This grant will assist the Miami-Dade County homeless continuum of care in meeting the high demand for homeless prevention services, particularly for families at risk of homelessness. A total of 16,988 calls to the Homeless Helpline in 2013 were diverted to the Homeless Prevention Coordinator for assistance with homeless prevention services (e.g. rent in arrears, utilities in arrears, etc.).

The application was submitted to the State timely and notification of award is pending.

Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 6, 2014

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

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 Mayor'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-434-14

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION IN APPLYING FOR UP TO $300,000.00 IN HOMELESS PREVENTION FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS OR EXTENSIONS RESULTING FROM THIS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING, TO EXERCISE ANY AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, RENEWAL, CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION CAUSES OF ANY CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUTURE FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM FOR THIS PURPOSE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Children and Families Office on Homelessness issued a Request for Applications for homeless prevention grant funding; and

WHEREAS, a great need exists in this community for resources to assist families at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the short application deadline provided by the State, it was necessary for the County, through the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, to prepare and submit an application in response to this competitive process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board ratifies the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee action in applying for grant funds from the State

of Florida Department of Children and Families Office on Homelessness for homeless prevention; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to approve and execute any agreements, amendments or agreement extensions resulting from or necessary as a result of this application for funding, following their review by the County Attorney's office for form and legal sufficiency; to exercise any amendment, modification, renewal, cancellation and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and to apply for, receive and expend future funds that may become available under this program for this purpose.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May, 2014. 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.

Estephanie S. Resnik