

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(24)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 4, 2021

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the  
County Mayor to apply for  
federal and state grants to  
address environmental issues  
in Miami-Dade County,  
including those affecting  
Biscayne Bay; and delegating  
authority to County Mayor  
to apply for such grants up to  
\$1,000,000.00, under certain  
circumstances

Resolution No. R-469-21

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity 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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ 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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5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-469-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING BISCAYNE BAY; AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR SUCH GRANTS UP TO \$1,000,000.00, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay are of the utmost importance, due in large part to the ecological and environmental benefits, beauty, and serenity that Biscayne Bay may provide, together with industries and employment in tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and other water-based recreational activities related to Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County may have opportunities to apply for federal and state grants for funding to address environmental issues in our County, including, for example, issues affecting Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee should be actively pursuing such grant opportunities in order to avail ourselves of funding and support that may be available now or may become available in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, actively pursuing and applying for such federal and state grants was also recommended by the Biscayne Bay Task Force, which this Board created through Resolution No. R-165-19, in the Task Force's resulting Report and Recommendations, entitled "A Unified Approach to Recovery for a Healthy & Resilient Biscayne Bay;" and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, through Resolution No. 1170-06, previously delegated authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for grants that meet certain criteria, provided that the grant is subsequently brought before this Board for ratification; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify under Resolution No. 1170-06, the grant must meet the following criteria: (1) the amount of funds provided under the grant is less than \$100,000.00; (2) the grant is for a single department; (3) the grant does not require the provision of new funds to match the grant funds; (4) the terms of the grant will not hinder another County department or the County from seeking other funds; and (5) the granting agency does not require County Commission approval; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to apply for some grants, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee may need to apply quickly, and therefore a greater delegation, for grants up to \$1,000,000.00 that are related to environmental issues, may help to facilitate such County grant applications, provided that no matching funds are required and provided that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee does not need to seek any funding authorization from this Board; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for grants from the federal and state governments, related to environmental issues including those affecting Biscayne Bay, and this Board wishes to grant additional delegated authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee in order to facilitate said grant applications,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

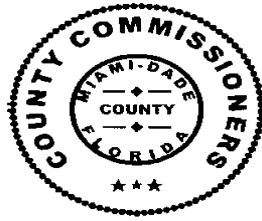
**Section 1.** Directs County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to actively pursue and apply for federal and state grants related to environmental issues, including, but not limited to, those affecting Biscayne Bay.

**Section 2.** Delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to apply such for federal and state grants, without prior County Commission approval, provided that: (1) the amount of funds provided is less than \$1,000,000.00; (2) the grant does not require the provision of new funds to match the grant funds, and the administration does not need to seek any funding authorization from this Board in connection with the grant; (3) the terms of the grant will not hinder another County department or the County from seeking other funds; and (4) the granting agency does not require County Commission approval. For any grants applied for by the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee under the authority of this resolution, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee shall bring said grant application to this Board for ratification within 180 days of application.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	<b>aye</b>		
Sen. René García	<b>aye</b>	Keon Hardemon	<b>aye</b>
Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>	Danielle Cohen Higgins	<b>aye</b>
Eileen Higgins	<b>aye</b>	Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>
Kionne L. McGhee	<b>aye</b>	Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>
Raquel A. Regalado	<b>aye</b>	Rebeca Sosa	<b>aye</b>
Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: Melissa Adames  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ASR", is written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell