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## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RECEIVES U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BYRNE INNOVATION GRANT AWARD**

**(MIAMI, October 2, 2014)** – Miami-Dade County was notified by the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) of a Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program grant award. The \$1 million grant will cover a three-year period for the project titled “Project PEACE: People Engaged & Advocating for Community Empowerment.” The program is part of a Federal Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative that helps local areas develop place-based, community-oriented strategies with coordinated federal support to change neighborhoods of distress into neighborhoods of opportunity. The County was one of six (6) awardees nationwide, from hundreds of applications received by DOJ, to receive this highly competitive grant.

The BCJI “Planning and Implementation” grant will enable the County to target major crime hot spots within the Miami-Dade Police Department’s (MDPD) Northside District. The goals of Project PEACE are to: (1) Amplify community safety through the reduction of violent crime activity, including crimes committed by youth; (2) Enhance community awareness of crime issues and crime-based services, including crime prevention; and (3) Improve coordination and delivery of crime-based services within the targeted project area. The required Cross-Sector Partnership Team will include law enforcement (MDPD); neighborhood residents; a local research partner (FIU); and relevant community stakeholders. The project’s target area includes County Commission District two, represented by Commissioner Jean Monestime. The project has a one-year Planning Phase, followed by a two-year Implementation Phase.

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