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Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee (PCAC) Meeting

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Item No. 3A
File No. 181290

Researcher: JFP Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A \$25,000.00 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM TO FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC., FOR THE REGIONAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM'S FY 2017-2018 VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS GRANT PROGRAM, WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS, CONTAINED THEREIN

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should approve a grant from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's FY 2017-18 general operating funds in the amount of \$25,000 to Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Inc. for a regional art exhibition of the recipients of the Consortium's FY2017-18 Visual & Media Artists Grant, and allow waiver of R-130-06 so that the proposed Resolution may be placed on the commission agenda even though the grant agreement has yet to be executed by the other parties and the grant process may be expedited.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Resolution No. R-130-06, adopted January 24, 2006, clarifies that proposed agenda items seeking approval of a contract or conveyance and authority to execute same shall not be placed on any committee or commission agenda unless the underlying contract or conveyance is completely negotiated, in final form, and executed by all non-County parties. The proposed resolution seeks waiver of this provision.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=060239&file=false&yearFolder=Y2006>

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Javier D. Souto, District 10

Department/Requester: Department of Cultural Affairs

The proposed resolution has no procedural history.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant's funding source is the South Florida Cultural Consortium's adopted FY 2017-18 budget. The South Florida Cultural Consortium is an alliance of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties. The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs administers the grant program and serves as fiscal agent for the program's contributed funds from member counties for Consortium programs benefiting the South Florida region, with Broward and Palm Beach Counties contributing funds and providing full support to the FY 2017-18 exhibition. Thus, Miami-Dade County will incur no fiscal impact.

ANALYSIS

The Grant will be used by Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Inc. for the presentation of an exhibition showcasing the work of the recipients of twelve grants from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Visual & Media Artists Grant Program. These twelve South Florida artists were chosen from more than 420 applicants. The recipients will have their work displayed at the university art galleries at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL in September 2018. Florida Atlantic University Foundation, Inc. will utilize the grant to host the exhibition, participation in which is part of the recipients' reward for being a grant recipient.

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The South Florida Cultural Consortium, an alliance of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties established in 1988, is the source of funding for this grant. Since it was established, the Consortium has awarded close to \$2 million in fellowships to over 200 artists.

The requested waiver of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being placed on the commission agenda is for the purpose of expediting the grant agreement. Expediting the contract as requested accommodates the preparation of the exhibition, saving one or two months' time in delivering funding essential to the success of the event. The grant agreement underwent evaluation by the South Florida Cultural Consortium, with the Consortium's Board of Directors ultimately approving funding for the exhibition at its March 29, 2018 meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Program offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the United States, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach.

<http://www.miamidadearts.org/south-florida-cultural-consortium-sfcc>

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**Item No. 3B
File No. 181281**

Researcher: JFP Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF 29 GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$105,501.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – FOURTH QUARTER FOR VARIOUS ENTITIES; WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS, CONTAINED THEREIN

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should approve the funding of 29 grants, totaling \$105,501, from the Fourth Quarter funds of the Department of Cultural Affairs Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Community Grants Program, and allow waiver of R-130-06 so that the proposed Resolution may be placed on the commission agenda even though the grant agreement has yet to be executed by the other parties and the grant process may be expedited.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Resolution No. R-130-06, adopted January 24, 2006, clarifies that proposed agenda items seeking approval of a contract or conveyance and authority to execute same shall not be placed on any committee or commission agenda unless the underlying contract or conveyance is completely negotiated, in final form, and executed by all non-County parties. The proposed resolution seeks waiver of this provision.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: None

Department/Requester: Department of Cultural Affairs

The proposed resolution has no procedural history.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the Community Grants Program comes from Department of Cultural Affairs' approved departmental revenues, as adopted in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 County budget ordinance. Upon adoption of the FY 2017-18 ordinance, a total of \$575,000 is allocated for FY 2017-18 Community Grants. Through the first three quarters of this program, a total of \$469,499 in approved grant awards has been allocated, with any awards declined by grantees reallocated in the subsequent quarter, leaving the remaining balance of \$105,501.00 for fourth quarter disbursement.

ANALYSIS

The proposed resolution recommends a total of \$105,501 in grant funding from the Department of Cultural Affairs' Community Grants Program to the following grantees:

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Grantee	Recommended Award	District Location(s) of Project Activity
Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. d/b/a Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance, Inc. a/f/a for Art In The Sky	\$4,215	1, 3, 5, 7
Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc. a/f/a for La Casa del Teatro, Inc.	\$4,216	9
Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Found, Inc. a/f/a for Jazz Educators Community Coalition	\$2,248	7
City of Miami - Little Haiti Cultural Center	\$1,405	3
COMPOSITUM MUSICAE NOVAE, INC.	\$4,215	3, 6, 11
Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.	\$2,529	12
Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Art for Us, Inc.	\$4,215	5
Culture and Community Association, Inc.	\$2,529	6, 7, 12
Facundo Rivero Performing Arts, Inc.	\$3,541	12
Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.	\$4,216	1, 3
Haitian Neighborhood Center Sant La, Inc.	\$4,159	3
IFE-ILE, Inc.	\$4,216	5
Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.	\$3,372	5, 6, 10
Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy, Inc.	\$2,810	4, 5
Major Players Cultural Arts Educational Development Center, Inc.	\$2,810	1
Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Flipside Kings	\$4,216	3
Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects	\$4,216	3
Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Literati Grove	\$3,372	5
Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.	\$4,216	5, 6, 11
Moulin Blue Professional Entertainment, Inc.	\$3,091	5
SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights, Inc.	\$4,216	9
Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, Inc.	\$4,216	9
SOUTH FLORIDA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE	\$3,372	1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12
Sunshine's Heart, Inc.	\$2,810	1
The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Flaming Classics	\$4,216	3, 7
The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Third Horizon	\$4,216	3
Troop of Actors, Inc.	\$4,216	9
Urgent, Inc.	\$4,216	2
Village of Palmetto Bay	\$4,216	8
TOTAL	\$105,501	

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The Community Grants Panel reviewed 29 applications requesting \$209,685, and ultimately recommended funding for all 29, but at the amount of \$105,501.

The requested waiver of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being placed on the commission agenda is for the purpose of expediting the grant agreements, saving one to two months' time in an already lengthy grant process. The Cultural Affairs Council approved these recommendations at their May 16, 2018 meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Community Grants (CG) Program is responsive on a quarterly basis to not-for-profit organizations developing small and large-scale community-based cultural (dance, theater, music, visual arts) programs, as well as projects and events, such as fairs, parades, neighborhood festivals and publications that have a strong artistic component.

The CG panel considers projects with strong community involvement and/or outreach component. The CG Program is particularly sensitive to the needs of indigenous cultural neighborhood activities and projects encouraging the preservation of heritage, traditions and culture, as well as social service organizations and cultural groups developing collaborative intervention projects using the arts. (See Guidelines for detailed information regarding eligibility and application process)

Each applicant organization was evaluated specifically based on the following competitive review criteria:

- 1) quality of the program;
- 2) administrative capability;
- 3) marketing strategy
- 4) fundraising efforts; and
- 5) geographic location of event

<http://www.miamidadearts.org/community-grants-cg-program>

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Item No. 3C
File No. 181282

Researcher: JFP Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$165,000.00 IN FUNDING SUPPORT FOR 12 GRANT AWARDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM'S FY 2017-2018 GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTISTS GRANT PROGRAM; WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS, INCLUDING THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS, CONTAINED THEREIN

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should approve \$165,000 in funding for twelve grant awards from the South Florida Consortium's FY 2017-18 general operating funds for the Visual & Media Arts Grant Program and allow waiver of R-130-06 so that the proposed Resolution may be placed on the commission agenda even though the grant agreement has yet to be executed by the other parties and the grant process may be expedited.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: None

Department/Requester: Department of Cultural Affairs

The proposed resolution has no procedural history.

FISCAL IMPACT

The scope is countywide and regional, which affects the South Florida Cultural Consortium membership (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe, and Miami-Dade counties).

The funding for the twelve Visual & Media Artists Grant Awards is from the adopted FY 2017-18 budget for the Department of Cultural Affairs, which administers the Grant Program and serves as the fiscal agent for the South Florida Cultural Consortium member County contributed funds.

ANALYSIS

The twelve grants subject to the Board's approval are for recipients recommended as part of the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Visual & Media Artists Grant Program. These twelve South Florida artists were chosen from over 420 by both a regional and national panel of arts experts.

The South Florida Cultural Consortium, an alliance of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties established in 1988, is the source of funding for this grant. Since it was established, the Consortium has awarded close to \$2 million in grants to over 200 artists. The grant amounts recommended per County are at least equivalent to each County's cash contribution to the program.

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Below are the grantees by County and the corresponding grant amount:

Grantee by County	Grant Amount
<i>Miami-Dade County</i>	
Levels and Bosses LLC (Leonardo Castaneda)	\$7,500.00
Rosa Naday Garmendia	\$7,500.00
Eddie Armondo Arroyo	\$15,000.00
Cristine Brache	\$15,000.00
WE ARE NICE N EASY LLC (Jeffrey Noble and Allison Matherly)	\$15,000.00
Joseriberto Perez	\$15,000.00
Katherine Hernandez	\$15,000.00
Total: \$90,000.00	
<i>Broward County</i>	
Marielle Plaisir	\$15,000.00
Samantha Salzinger	\$15,000.00
Keisha Witherspoon	\$15,000.00
Total: \$45,000.00	
<i>Palm Beach County</i>	
Rick Newton	\$15,000.00
Total: \$15,000.00	
<i>Martin County</i>	
Linda Finch	\$15,000.00
Total: \$15,000.00	
<i>Monroe County</i>	
Total: \$0	

The requested waiver of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being placed on the commission agenda is for the purpose of expediting the grant agreements, saving one to two months' time in delivering funding. The grant agreements underwent evaluation by the South Florida Cultural Consortium, with the Consortium's Board of Directors ultimately approving the national panel's recommendations at its March 29, 2018 meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship Program offers the largest regional, government-sponsored artists' grants in the United States, awarding \$15,000 and \$7,500 fellowships to resident visual and media artists from the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach.

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Item No. 3E
File No. 181327

Researcher: MF Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED CONTRACT NO. RFP868 BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND REVO SOCCER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC FROM A LEASE AGREEMENT TO A LICENSE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY OPTIONS OR TERMINATION OR DEFAULT PROVISIONS THEREIN

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should authorize execution of Amended and Restated Contract No. RFP868 between Miami-Dade County and Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC from a Lease Agreement to a License Agreement.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Miami-Dade County Code, Section 2-8.1, requires formal sealed bids for purchases over \$250,000; describes the circumstances under which competitive bidding may be waived; establishes requirements for legacy purchases, designated purchases, and provides that procurement procedures shall be established via an Implementing Order.

https://library.municode.com/fl/miami-dade-county/codes/code-of-ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH2AD_ARTIINGE_S2-8.1COPUGE

Implementing Order No. 3-38 governs the County's processes for the purchase of goods and services including professional services. It establishes the roles and responsibilities of the Internal Services Department, methods of purchasing goods and services, and the authority to award contracts. It contains requirements for access contracts, emergency purchases, bid waivers, confirmation purchases, and sole sources.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/IO3-38.pdf>

Resolution R-187-12, adopted by the Board on February 21, 2012, directs the County Mayor to include due diligence information in memoranda recommending certain contract awards.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=120287&file=true&yearFolder=Y2012>

Resolution No. R-104-14, adopted by the Board on February 4, 2014, authorized execution of a Lease Agreement with Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC, to develop and operate a mini soccer complex at Miami-Dade Homestead Air Reserve Park.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/matter.asp?matter=140028&file=true&fileAnalysis=false&yearFolder=Y2014>

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, District 9
Department/Requester: Internal Services Department

This proposed Resolution has no procedural history.

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Fiscal Impact Statement, this is a revenue-generating contract. Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC is required to pay the County a guaranteed monthly fee and a percentage of the monthly gross receipts. The County is projected to collect a total of \$511,000 over the initial 10-year term of the agreement. This projected revenue includes: \$122,000 (the projected total minimum guarantee fee to be collected) and \$389,000 (the projected total percentage of gross receipts to be collected).

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Since Fiscal Year 2014-15, the County has received \$39,797 of total revenue from this contract. The total revenue collected to-date is a combination of the total minimum guaranteed fee collected to-date and the total percentage of gross sales collected to-date. The County is currently receiving 7 percent of Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC's monthly gross receipts. The percentage of gross receipts increases to 8 percent in year seven (2020-21)) of the contract.

ANALYSIS

The proposed resolution seeks to approve the Amended and Restated Contract No. RFP868, Operation Mini soccer Complex at Homestead Air Reserve Park, from a Lease Agreement to a License Agreement for the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS).

In 1998, the County took fee title to 212.73 acres from the United States of America as surplus property from the former Homestead Air Force Base. This land, known as Homestead Reserve Park, was deeded to the County on June 24, 1998, and was administered by PROS. In February 2014, the Board awarded a competitively-established contract to Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC, to operate the Mini Soccer Complex at Homestead Reserve Park.

The contract was established for a term of 10 years, with two, five-year options to renew; and is currently in its initial term. According to the agreement, the tenant was to operate a soccer program in the park, including programs for youth and adults, a teaching academy, summer camps, and tournaments. In addition, the tenant was to ensure the provision of well-maintained equipment, experienced staff and diverse services normally associated with the soccer industry; and to provide turf comparable to the type typically used for these types of fields.

After the contract was awarded, PROS learned that the land where the Mini Soccer Complex is located has federal deed requirements that do not allow the County to lease the land. The deed provides that the County will not sell, lease, assign or otherwise dispose of the premises, except to another eligible government agency. However, the deed allows the County to provide related recreational facilities and services through agreements entered into with third parties, provided authorization is obtained by the National Park Service.

The County requested the National Park Service to review the existing lease with Revo Soccer Development Partners, LLC. They determined that the services could continue being rendered, not as a Lease Agreement but rather as a License Agreement. It is, therefore, recommended that the contract be restated from a Lease Agreement to a License Agreement in order to comply with federal deed requirements.

DEPARTMENT INPUT

The Office of the Commission Auditor posed the following question to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, and is awaiting their response:

- How many leagues, children and adults have been impacted by this agreement?

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**Item No. 3F
File No. 180144**

Researcher: MF Reviewer: TD

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE DEERING ESTATE FOUNDATION OF MIAMI-DADE, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION

Whether the Board should approved the Amended and Restated Agreement between the Deering Estate Foundation, Inc. and the County to allow the parties to continue to work collaboratively to optimize resources between them, coordinate efforts for the betterment of the Deering Estate and to raise resources for the benefit of the Deering Estate.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY

Resolution No. R493-05, adopted by the Board on May 3, 2005, authorizes the execution of an operating agreement with the Deering Estate Foundation Inc. for support of the Deering Estate and authorizes the County Manager to execute the same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County. The agreement was approved for an initial 10 years with two, five-year renewals.

<http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=050770&file=true&yearFolder=Y2005>

Miami-Dade County Code Section 2-1, Rule 9.04, states that the Presiding Officer may designate members of the Commission to represent the Commission at various meetings and events with the consent of the designee, when necessary. The representatives shall not hold any power to act for or on the behalf of the Commission or County. Such representatives will report in writing to the Commission regarding the meeting or event.

https://library.municode.com/fl/miami-dade-county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH2AD_ARTIINGE_S2-1RUPRCOCO

Administrative Order 8-7 establishes limited authority guidelines and procedures for the waiver of rental fees by the County Manager for use of facilities at the Deering Estate at Cutler.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/AO8-7.pdf>

Administrative Order 8-3 establishes standard procedures of the application, evaluation, and permitting of Special Events in county-owned and operated park and recreation facilities to ensure public safety, benefit and well-being, meet the conditions of the Miami-Dade County Charter Article 6, and ensure that events remain for public park purposes only.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/AO8-3.pdf>

Florida Statute 440 outlines workers' compensation. Specifically in regards to this item, Workers' Compensation Insurance is required for all employees of the Deering Estate Foundation.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0440/0440ContentsIndex.html

Administrative Order 1-3 allows the Department Director of the department receiving, the authority to accept or reject gifts, donations, artwork, commemorative and/or memorial structures, and devises or bequests offered to the County with a market value of less than \$1000. All departments must send out a report of accepted and rejected gifts on a quarterly basis to the County manager.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/aopdfdoc/aopdf/pdffiles/AO1-3.pdf>

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Florida Statutes, Section 768.28 waives sovereign immunity for liability for torts, but only to the extent specified in this act, in the case of negligent acts by the County, its agents, and employees.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0700-0799/0768/Sections/0768.28.html

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Prime Sponsor: None

Department/Requester: Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

This proposed Resolution has no procedural history.

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Fiscal Impact Statement, the proposed resolution will have a positive fiscal impact on the Deering Estate through increased opportunities to leverage resources through the public-private partnership between the County and the Foundation. The Foundation raised more than \$6.5 million in case, including memberships and donations, and in-kind resources in the last five years and a recently completed capital campaign resulted in property donations of approximately 8.6 acres. The Foundation generated \$142,200 in admissions from members for visits to Deering Estate in 2017; and the use of the Foundation's office space amounts to approximately \$29,000 per year based on current market sales.

ANALYSIS

The proposed resolution seeks Board approval of the Amended and Restated Agreement between the Deering Estate Foundation, Inc. and Miami-Dade County to allow the parties to continue to work collaboratively to optimize resources between them, coordinate efforts for the betterment of the Deering Estate and to raise resources for the benefit of the Estate. The Amended and Restated Agreement specifically recognizes that the Deering Estate Foundation is not an agency or instrumentality of the Estate or County.

The Deering Estate is the legacy of Charles Deering, a prominent Chicago industrialist, early preservationist, environmentalist, art collector, and philanthropist, who wintered and then resided in Miami during the first quarter of the 20th century. It is located at 16701 SW 72 Avenue in Palmetto Bay, at the edge of Biscayne Bay.

In 1985, the County entered into a 50-year lease with the State of Florida to operate and maintain the Estate. Since that time, several additional parcels that were part of the original Estate have been acquired to bring the total property to 443 acres. The Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department operates and maintains the Estate to promote conservation, education and recreation.

The purpose of the Agreement is to (1) formalize a public-private partnership between the County and the Foundation for the support, preservation, and development of the Estate as a world class destination with unique landscapes and ecosystems, historic architecture and furnishings, archeology and as a place of environmental and cultural significance; and (2) empower the Foundation to materially contribute to the support, preservation and development of the Estate.

The Agreement also seeks to delineate the respective responsibilities of the County and the Foundation and thereby promote the optimization of resources and prevent duplication of efforts in the conduct of their affairs so as to better accomplish their separate and collective missions to improve and preserve the Deering Estate as a public park, and historic site, a cultural and ecological field station, National Natural Landmark, National Historic Landmark, State Center for Conservation and Culture, National Park and World Heritage site for the benefit of the residents of Miami-Dade County and visitors from around the United States and the world.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Deering Estate preserves the 1920s era Miami estate of Charles Deering, Chicago industrialist, early preservationist, environmentalist, art collector, and philanthropist. Nestled along the coast in South Dade, the Deering Estate is a cultural asset and historic site listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

<http://www.deeringestate.org/>

DEPARTMENT INPUT

The Office of the Commission Auditor posed the following question to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department, and is awaiting their response:

- This resolution requests the Board to approve the Amended and Restated Agreement between the County and the Deering Estate Foundation; yet, the item does not clearly explain how the agreement was amended. Can you please clarify?