



Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
Office of the Commission Auditor

**Housing and Social Services Meeting**

December 11, 2017  
9:30 A.M.  
Commission Chambers

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**Item No. 1G2**  
**File No. 172415**

**Researcher: AIP Reviewer: TD**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE CIII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND DELETING THE INTERIM SUPPORT PROVISION; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION**

This Ordinance relates to the children's trust amending chapter 2, Article CIII of the Code Of Miami-Dade County, Florida and revising the membership of the governing board and deleting the interim support provision.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY**

Section 125.901, Florida Statutes, specifies the membership of the governing board, powers, duties, responsibilities and dissolution of The Children's Trust:

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=0100-0199/0125/Sections/0125.901.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0100-0199/0125/Sections/0125.901.html)

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

**Prime Sponsor: Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez, District 7**

11/7/2017: Item was adopted on first reading at the BCC and tentatively scheduled for a public hearing for the HSSC meeting on Dec, 11, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Currently this creates no fiscal impact to the County, since it is funded through a special taxing district. The County electorate authorized the levy of an ad valorem tax to supplement current County expenditures for children's services on September 10, 2002. On August 26, 2008, the voters approved an extension of The Children's Trust's ad valorem tax levy.

**ANALYSIS**

This Board wishes to amend the ordinance establishing The Children's Trust by revising the membership of the governing board and deleting the interim support provision.

Section 2-1522 (Governing Board) as it currently reads	Section 2-1522 with proposed amendments
(a) The governing board of The Children's Trust shall consist of the following thirty-three (33) members:  (1) Superintendent of Miami-Dade Public County Schools; ... (4) Miami-Dade County Manager; ... (10) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by the Greater Miami Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice ...	(a) The governing board of The Children's Trust shall consist of the following thirty-three (33) members:  (1) Superintendent of Miami-Dade Public County Schools or his or her designee; ... (4) Miami-Dade County Mayor; ... (10) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by a locally recognized faith-based coalition ...

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<p>(12) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by the Miami-Dade County School Readiness Coalition;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(14) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by the Alliance for Human Services;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(16) One (1) member who is a youth selected by the Miami-Dade Student Government Association;</p> <p>(17) One (1) member of the School Board of Miami-Dade County as appointed by the Chair of the School Board;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(19) One (1) member of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, as appointed by the Commission Chair;</p> <p>20) One (1) member of the State of Florida Legislature who represents residents of Miami-Dade County, as appointed by the chair of the Miami-Dade legislative delegation;</p> <p>...</p>	<p>(12) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by the Miami-Dade County Early Learning Coalition;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(14) One (1) member who is a member of and is selected by a local alliance or coalition engaged in cross-system planning for health and social service delivery in the county;</p> <p>...</p> <p>(16) One (1) member who is a youth selected by the Miami-Dade County Student Government Association;</p> <p>(17) One (1) member who is a member of the School Board of Miami-Dade County as appointed by the Chair of the School Board;</p> <p>...</p> <p>19) One (1) member who is a member of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, as appointed by the Commission Chair;</p> <p>20) One (1) member who is a member of the State of Florida Legislature who represents residents of Miami-Dade County, as appointed by the chair of the Miami-Dade legislative delegation;</p> <p>...</p>
Section 2-1530 (Interim Staff Support) as it currently reads	Section 2-1530 (Interim Staff Support) with proposed amendments
<p>Sec. 2-1530. - Interim Staff Support.</p> <p>The County Manager's Office shall provide staff support to The Children's Trust on an interim basis until such time as The Children's Trust hires permanent staff.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">[[Deleted]]</p>

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In 1988, the voters of Miami-Dade County (the “County”) approved the creation of a juvenile welfare board, which, by voter approval on September 10, 2002, was named “The Children’s Trust”. They are funded through a special taxing district, from commercial and residential properties. Homes valued at over \$100,000 contribute \$50 of their taxes to the Children’s Trust. The Children’s Trust receives \$130,000,000 to distribute across the County into various programs for children and families in the community. These include:

- After-school programs
- Arts education
- Child care
- Disabilities programs
- STEM programs
- Programs for parenting and pregnancy

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- Health & Nutrition programs
- Health insurance access
- Sports and fitness programs
- Summer camps
- Teen programs
- Youth employment

Additional information can be found on The Children's Trust Website: <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org/>

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**Item No. 1G3**  
**File No. 172673**

**Researcher: AIP Reviewer: TD**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,100,000.00; RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN ISSUING A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SELECT NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDER SUB-GRANTEES AND APPROVING SUB-GRANTEES SELECTED; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO GRANT AND SUB-GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH NON-PROFIT PROVIDERS, AND TO EXERCISE MODIFICATION, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION CLAUSES CONTAINED THEREIN

**ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION**

Whether the Board should approve the receipt and expenditure of supplemental Emergency solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Fiscal Year 2017 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount not to exceed \$4,100,000.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY**

Ordinance 94-66 which established the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust: <http://www.homelesstrust.org/library/ordinance-94-66.pdf>

Ordinance 762-17, passed 07/18/2018, previously authorizing \$150,000 of the ESG funds in question Lotus House: <http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=171796&file=true&yearFolder=Y2017>

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

**Prime Sponsor: Vice Chairwoman Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, District 3**

**Department/ Requester: Miami-Dade Homeless Trust**

This item has no procedural history.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This item is of no negative fiscal impact to the County. The County will receive approximately \$4.1 million in Supplemental Emergency solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is a one-time allocation with no expectation of future supplemental funding. The grant funds will be administered by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

**ANALYSIS**

On June 26, 2017, U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, Chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, announced that Miami-Dade County would receive approximately \$4.1 million in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY 2017. Funds were provided to Continuums of Care that lost significant capacity to serve the homeless after January 2016, which included Miami-Dade County. The supplemental funding is being provided to the Homeless Trust through Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD). PHCD is revising its annual Action Plan to reflect these supplemental funds.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a variety of grants to local municipalities to fund programs that fit in with their mission to "create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and

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quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business”.

While ESG funds can be used for a number of homeless related activities, the Homeless Trust earmarked these funds for rental assistance for homeless and at-risk households, in line with U.S. Housing and Urban Development priorities.

More information on HUD grants: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo)

On July 26, 2017, the Homeless Trust issued an RFA seeking applications for Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention. Attached in the item is a list of the non-profit and governmental housing and service providers which were selected through the competitive RFA. The RFA was duly advertised, workshops were held for interested applicants, and a selection committee was appointed pursuant to standard processes.

The Homeless Trust Executive Committee reviewed and approved the proposed recommendations on September 8, 2017. Additionally, \$150,000.00 of Supplemental ESG was previously earmarked for Lotus House as outlined in Resolution No. R 762-17. The balance of Supplemental ESG award includes 3.75% for Homeless Trust program administration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was established by Miami-Dade County Ordinance 94-66, the Trust was formed to:

- Administer proceeds of a one-percent (1%) food and beverage tax;
- Implement the local continuum of care plan called the Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan; and
- Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on issues involving homelessness.

According to the Homeless Trust website, The 2017 Plan priorities for the organization are:

- Housing: Emergency, Transitional, Permanent Housing & Rapid Re-Housing;
- Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement;
- Homeless Prevention and Diversion;
- Support Services;
- Effective Use of Data;
- Governance & Resource Maximization;
- Quality Assurance; and
- Homeless Plan.

For more information go to the Homeless Trust website: <http://www.homelesstrust.org/about-homeless-trust.asp>

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**Item No. 2A**  
**File No. 172755**

**Researcher: AIP Reviewer: TD**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE NARANJA LAKES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE NARANJA LAKES COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINGENT UPON THE AGENCY EXECUTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT

**ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION**

Whether the Board should approve the agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency and approve the amendment to the redevelopment plan.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY**

Community Redevelopment Act of 1969; Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes (Sections 163.330 through 163.450); outlines State procedures relating to CRAs; all powers arising pursuant to the Act are conferred upon counties with home rule charters.

- Community Redevelopment Act of 1969:

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=Ch0163/part03.htm&StatuteYear=2006&Title=%2D%3E2006%2D%3EChapter%20163%2D%3EPart%20III](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=Ch0163/part03.htm&StatuteYear=2006&Title=%2D%3E2006%2D%3EChapter%20163%2D%3EPart%20III)

On July 21, 1998, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-847-98, declaring a geographical area in South Miami-Dade County as “slum and blight”. (No online record available for this resolution)

The Agency was created by the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 02-216 adopted on October 22, 2002. The ordinance also appointed the Agency’s board members and delegated the power to the Agency to prepare a Redevelopment Plan: <http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=023109&file=false&yearFolder=Y2002>

On May 6, 2003, the Board Adopted Resolution No. R-418-03, approving the Plan, and funded the Plan by adopting Ordinance No. 03-106, which created the Trust Fund: <http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=031197&file=false&yearFolder=Y2003>

Resolution No. R-418-03, adopted by the Board on July 22, 2003, approved the Interlocal Agreement granting the Agency certain redevelopment powers: <http://intra/gia/matter.asp?matter=030969&file=true&yearFolder=Y2003>

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

**Prime Sponsors: Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, District 8 and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, District 9**

This item has no procedural history.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This item has no fiscal impact, the budget of the CRA is approved annually by the Board.

- Naranja Lakes CRA FY 2016-2017 Adopted Budget:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/redevelopment/library/budgets/naranja-lakes-2016-17-adopted.pdf>

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**ANALYSIS**

The Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency is an urban initiative to stimulate and guide the redevelopment of the Naranja Lakes area creating better neighborhoods to live, work and play. Naranja Lakes is a traditional neighborhood development with 1,567 residential units, retail shops, commercial buildings, public squares and greens, a Village Center with an outdoor public amphitheater and a childcare facility.

This agreement provides the redevelopment priorities for the area, which consists of 1,247 acres (1.95 square miles) and the Amended Redevelopment plan adds a 3,060 acres (4.78 square miles), to make the proposed redevelopment are a total of 4,307 acres (6.73 square miles), making it the largest community redevelopment agency in Miami-Dade County. This area falls into District 8 and 9, represented by Commissioner Cava and Commissioner Moss, respectively.

The agreement, incorporated as the First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, includes strategies for redevelopment of the proposed expanded area, including transportation projects, coordinating roadways, sidewalks, landscaping, infrastructure, retail and development of affordable housing.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Naranja Lakes is poised for new growth that may well be precedent-setting model for future neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. The first step in this process is the new community of Mandarin Lakes under development on 212-acres of vacant property that is part of the Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Area.

- Map of Naranja Lakes Area: <http://www.miamidade.gov/redevelopment/library/maps/naranja-lakes.pdf>
- Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget CRA Website: <http://www.miamidade.gov/redevelopment/>
- Miami-Dade County CRA's Meetings and Minutes: <http://www.miamidade.gov/cob/county-commission-appointed-cras.asp>



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**Item No. 3A**

**File No. 172672**

**Researcher: NR**

**Reviewer**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND OTHER REQUIRED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS; TO EXERCISE AMENDMENTS, EXTENSIONS, AND RENEWALS OF SUCH MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND OTHER REQUIRED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND TO EXERCISE CANCELLATION, TERMINATION, WAIVER, AND OTHER PROVISIONS SET FORTH THEREIN

**ISSUE/REQUESTED ACTION**

Whether the Board should authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to negotiate and execute Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between Miami-Dade County (County) and various community partners for the provision of services at Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) Community Resource Centers (Centers).

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/POLICY**

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

**Prime Sponsor: Vice Chairwomen, Audrey M. Edmonson**

**Requester: Community Action and Human Services**

This item has no procedural history

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Collaborations between the County and community partners at all of the County's Community Resource Centers will not result in a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County. The services to be provided by the community partners will supplement and expand the services currently offered in the Centers.

**ANALYSIS**

This item seeks the Board's approval to authorize the County Mayor MOU between the County and various community partners for the provision of services at CAHSD's Centers. The MOUs will permit community partners to deliver services to low-income persons and low-income communities throughout Miami-Dade County.

The purpose of this MOU is memorialize the relationship between the Partner and the County, through CAHSD. The Partner is authorized to operate and provide services to County residents seeking assistance at the Centers managed by CAHSD's Family and Community Services Division. Community partners will only occupy space that is not currently occupied or designated to be leased.

The MOU details are as follows:

- One year lease term and two, two-year renewal option periods;
- Commencing on the date the MOU is executed by the County and termination one year thereafter;
- The Partner agrees to maintain a working relationship and a principal point of contact with the County; and

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- The Partner agrees to conduct operations and activities in accordance with its mission statement, purpose goals and objectives that are consistent with the policies and procedures of County and CAHSD.

There are 13 CAHSD's Centers in the County (1) Accion, (2) Coconut Grove (Rolle Center), (3) Culmer, (4) Edison, (5) Florida City, (6) Hialeah, (7) Caleb/Liberty City, (8) South Beach, (9) Miami Gardens, (10) Naranja, (11) Perrine, (12) Homestead, and (13) Wynwood.

CAHSD's Centers provide a variety of social services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families interested in achieving self-sufficiency. The Centers and the services provided to low-income families are geared toward helping them reach economic self-sufficiency.

The centers offer a variety of core services which are listed below:

#### **Care to Share Program**

The Care to Share Program is a private donor funded program that provides assistance to low income individuals with their FPL electric bill one time a year with final notices and/or disconnections. The Program will pay final notices and/or disconnections for eligible individuals during the time LIHEAP is not providing this service.

#### **Immigration Citizenship Classes**

CAHSD's Accion Center provides classes to prepare individuals going through the naturalization process for the Citizenship Test. The course covers American history, laws and the legal system, general knowledge, and Citizenship Test preparation.

#### **Citizen Involvement & Participation**

The Citizen Involvement Participation is designed to increase the capacity of the residents in 16 CAHSD's targeted areas to become more empowered as stakeholders in their communities. Structured activities and coordinated initiatives are implemented to promote and foster community improvement and revitalization in neighborhoods where low income citizens reside.

#### **Computer Training**

Low-income individuals who have a desire to learn about computers, or have an interest in entering the workforce in a computer-related field, are provided instruction and [training in the use of personal computers](#), as well as training to develop basic office skills.

#### **Elderly Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP)**

This program provides energy assistance to low income low-income households, with at least one person age 60 and older, when the households are experiencing a home energy emergency. A home energy emergency may result from a delinquent utility bill or the receipt of a disconnection notice.

#### **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)**

The Emergency Food & Shelter Program provides assistance to customers experiencing a one-time crisis situation which interrupts their ability to pay utility bills/rent/mortgage or secure necessary food. The program also provides assistance for temporary shelter on a limited basis.

#### **Employment Preparation & Training**

The Employment Preparation & Training assistance is provided to low income individuals as they seek and retain employment in the public and private sector. This process includes job coaching, employability skills training, and job referrals.

#### **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

CAHSD's Accion Center provides English speaking classes to non-English speaking low income individuals.

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**Family Development**

The Family Development Project is a collaborative process between low income families and CAHSD's. Targeted families are provided with a family support system designed to identify, reduce and/or remove social barriers and promote economic independence and self-sufficiency within five years.

**Food & Clothing Distribution**

Provide customers with food and/or clothing based on availability. Food and clothing Gift Card(s) will be utilized for emergency food/clothing assistance to customers with documented emergencies.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Initiative**

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Initiative in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Office of Community Services provides support services to grandparent caregivers in the South Dade County areas. A variety of activities designed to assist grandparent caregivers with special challenges including physical problems, emotional issues and difficulties obtaining benefits and services are provided. In addition, a monthly support group is also held in the Naranja Community Service Center

**Information & Referrals**

Assist customers with direction on how to seek services in the areas of housing/shelters, education, employment, childcare, homelessness, nutrition, mental health, food stamps, and any other information as needed or requested.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

[LIHEAP](#) provides assistance to low-income individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulty with paying their electric and gas utility bills.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

Low-income individuals can have their [taxes prepared](#) and filed electronically at select CAHSD Service Centers.

**Voter Registration**

Provides applications for customers who are U.S. citizens to obtain a voter's registration card, in an effort to make sure all citizens of Miami-Dade County including those in low-income areas have the opportunity to vote.

The link below relates to the Center core services described above:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/socialservices/service-centers.asp>