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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)(B)

Date: October 7, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Miami-Dade Brief Interventions and Referrals to Treatment (BIRT) for Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Drug Courts Grant Application

Resolution R-1024-08

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board ratify the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention program funds in the amount of $528,938, as applicant on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available during the term of the grant; to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Scope

The Miami Dade *BIRT* Project will enhance the capacity of the Juvenile Justice System and Juvenile Drug Court to improve and increase the availability of Brief Interventions and Referrals to Treatment (BIRT) countywide, over an eighteen (18) month period.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This grant will provide $528,938 to implement the proposed project. A required local in-kind match in the amount of $176,810 is provided by the Juvenile Services Department (JSD) in the form of personnel and fringe benefits expenses for three (3) clinical staff that will devote a percentage of their time to the project.

Track Record/Monitor

The Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the largest circuit in the state with the fourth largest trial court in the nation, has been innovative in implementing programs and services to address problems which impact the court and the community. The AOC's Grants Administration Office has worked collaboratively since 1995 with Justice Department and the community to obtain funding for services for those who come in contact with the judicial system. The AOC's Grants Administration and Administrative Service Division (finance) have managed and administered many of these grants. AOC will be responsible for the disbursement and expenditure of grant funds, and shall assume responsibility for managing programmatic and fiscal records in accordance with the project reporting and auditing procedures stipulated by DOJ.

Background

Partnerships will be established between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida's Administrative Office of the Courts, on behalf of the Juvenile Division and Juvenile Drug Court, with the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department/Juvenile Assessment Center and treatment provider, Here's Help, Inc., to ensure that substance using juvenile offenders receive effective appropriate treatment early on before they become substance abusers. The project goal is to increase the provision and effectiveness of outpatient treatment for adolescents with low levels of alcohol and other substance use disorders through implementation of Motivational Enhancement Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for adolescents in the juvenile justice system via the Brief Intervention and Referrals to Treatment (BIRT) model. The desired outcome for this countywide project is to show sustained reduction in substance use for adolescents receiving the interventions.

A pertinent indicator of substance abuse problems in Miami-Dade County in general, its ramifications for the justice system, and the need for substance abuse treatment for justice system populations is the fact that this community had 132,808 arrests reported in 2006, 20.3% (26,967) of which were for drug law violations, a percentage almost 1.5 times higher than for the rest of the State (Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2007). One-third of the individuals arrested for drug law violations were juveniles under the age of 17.

The *BIRT* project will increase the provision and effectiveness of outpatient treatment for adolescents with low levels of alcohol and other substance use disorders through implementation of Motivational Enhancement Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for adolescents in the juvenile justice system via the Brief Intervention and Referrals to Treatment. The population targeted by this project will largely be those who otherwise would not receive services specifically for their substance use because their treatment needs do not rise to the clinical level of need to qualify them for the lowest level of currently available outpatient treatment services

The short turnaround time imposed by the application deadline of July 3, 2008, did not allow sufficient time for the processing of the resolution and its submission to the Board prior to submission of the application.

Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Department Director
Strategic Business Management

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 7, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(1)(B)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-7-08

RESOLUTION NO. R-1024-08

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AMENDMENTS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board ratifies the Mayor or the Mayor's designee's action in applying for United States Department of Justice grant program funds in the amount of $528,938, as applicant on behalf of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida; authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds, and to execute such contracts, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, after approval by the County Attorney, as required by program guidelines; authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funds that may become available; and

authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, and to exercise amendments, modifications, renewal, cancellation, and termination clauses of any contracts and agreements, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman aye
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman aye

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	absent
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2008. 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: Kay Sullivan
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MD

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