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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** November 17, 2015

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

**Subject:** United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women's, OVW Fiscal Year 2015 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grants Program Funds

Resolution No. R-1029-15

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution ratifying the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee action of applying for funds in the amount of $45,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Fiscal Year 2015 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grants Program through the lead applicant agency for this grant, Disability Independence Group, Inc.; and further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend grant funds and to execute such contracts agreements, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and amendments, following approval be the County Attorney's Office, as required by program guidelines. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional future funds, should they become available during the term of the grant, to file and execute any amendments to the application for and on behalf of the County. Finally, it is recommended that the Board authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to execute such contracts and agreements as are required by the lead agency, Disability Independence Group, Inc. and/or by the funder the United States Department of Justice, following approval for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, and to file and execute any necessary amendments to agreements for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County. The time imposed by the application deadline did not allow sufficient time for the processing of a resolution and its submission to the Board prior to the submission of the grant application.

## SCOPE

These funds will allow the Community Action and Human Services Department's (CAHSD) Coordinated Victims Assistance Center (CVAC) to increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in a one-stop setting and to hold perpetuators of such crimes for further action. The funds will enable the CVAC to participate in all project collaboration meetings including all focus groups. CVAC will also participate in the planning and development phase of the project including any and all planning to create the Collaboration Charter, Project Focus Memo, Needs Assessment Plan and Report and the Strategic Plan. Furthermore, the CVAC will use specific performance indicators designed to measure its organizational capacity to serve the aforementioned survivor individuals. It will use those indicators to determine its baseline capacity and then ultimately use the same to monitor progress.

This grant required a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be signed by all four (4) grant partners: Disability Independence Group, Inc., Dade Legal Aid, Men and Women United in Justice, Education and Reform (MUJER) and Miami-Dade County. This grant was approved by the United States Department of Justice in its entirety.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There is no fiscal impact to the County for participation/administration of the activities supported by the grant. The awarded funds from the OVW Fiscal Year 2015 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grants Program through the lead applicant agency for this grant, Disability Independence Group, Inc., will not require matching funds. CAHSD will administer these funds under a new index code which will be created.

**TRACK RECORD/MONITOR**

CAHSD has provided services to victims of crimes for the past 34 years. The Department is responsible for tracking the Violence Prevention and Intervention Division. Ivon Mesa, Division Director will be responsible for the management of these funds.

**BACKGROUND**

The OVW Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grants Program was authorized by Congress pursuant to U.S. C. 3796gg-7 to recognize the need to focus and address the needs of deaf and hard of hearing individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The Disability Grant Program funds received by CAHSD CVAC will be used to increase organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities, and deaf individuals who are victims of the aforementioned crimes by participating in all project collaboration meetings including: (1) focus groups; (2) planning and development phase of the project including any and all planning to create the Collaboration Charter, the Project Focus Memo, the Needs Assessment Plan and Needs Assessment Report, and Strategic Plan; and (3) agreeing to use and monitor the progress of specific performance indicators designed to measure organizational capacity to serve the population previously outlined. Furthermore, CVAC agrees to participate in all OVW Technical Assistance (TA) events related to the grant including site visits, conferences, and meetings.

The anticipated award amount is $45,000.00 for a period of three (3) years.

Russell Benford, Deputy Mayor

# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 3(B)(2)

**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 ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____ ) 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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11-17-15

RESOLUTION NO. R-1029-15

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S ACTION OF APPLYING FOR FUNDS, IN COLLABORATION WITH DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE GROUP, INC., THE LEAD APPLICANT, DADE LEGAL AID AND MEN AND WOMEN UNITED IN JUSTICE, EDUCATION AND REFORM, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $45,000.00 TO INCREASE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, SAFE, AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES TO DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND SUCH FUNDS AND EXECUTE AND CARRYOUT PROVISIONS OF SUCH GRANT AGREEMENTS, AS WELL AS RECEIVE AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE UNDER THIS APPLICATION

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes 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:

Section 1. Ratifies the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee's action in applying for the United States Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, OVW Fiscal Year 2015 Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grants Program in the amount of $45,000.00, in collaboration with Disability Independence Group, Inc., the lead applicant for the grant, Dade Legal Aid and Men and Women United in Justice, Education and Reform (M.U.J.E.R.).

Section 2. Authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to receive and expend these funds.

Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to apply for, receive and expend additional future funds should they become available under this program for the purpose outlined herein.

Section 4. Authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to execute grant agreements and amendments, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office, and execute provision of such grants.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman **aye**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman **absent**

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| Bruno A. Barreiro | **aye** | Daniella Levine Cava | **aye** |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz | **absent** | Audrey M. Edmonson | **aye** |
| Sally A. Heyman | **absent** | Barbara J. Jordan | **aye** |
| Dennis C. Moss | **aye** | Rebeca Sosa | **aye** |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | **aye** | Xavier L. Suarez | **absent** |
| Juan C. Zapata | **absent** | | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2015. 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: Christopher Agrippa
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shanika A. Graves