

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(15)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** September 1, 2022

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution allocating \$1,500,000.00 from the District 2 portion of the Districts Designated Projects Program in the County's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget to Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, Inc. ("HACC"), a not-for-profit organization, to establish or fund an endowment fund in order to generate interest earnings to be used to provide scholarships to first-generation college and university students and to assist with costs, expenses and fees associated with their college and university studies; authorizing and directing the County Mayor to (1) negotiate and execute grant agreement with HACC for the administration of the funds and disbursement of interest earnings for scholarships and exercise all provisions contained therein; (2) take all actions that may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution; and (3) upon termination of the grant agreement that results in funds being remitted to or recaptured by the County, identify one or more not-for-profit entities to receive said recaptured funds to be used for the purposes set forth in this resolution

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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9-1-22

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING \$1,500,000.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 2 PORTION OF THE DISTRICTS DESIGNATED PROJECTS PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ADOPTED BUDGET TO HAITIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA, INC. ("HACC"), A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO ESTABLISH OR FUND AN ENDOWMENT FUND IN ORDER TO GENERATE INTEREST EARNINGS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND TO ASSIST WITH COSTS, EXPENSES AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDIES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO (1) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HACC FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUNDS AND DISBURSEMENT OF INTEREST EARNINGS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; (2) TAKE ALL ACTIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND (3) UPON TERMINATION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT THAT RESULTS IN FUNDS BEING REMITTED TO OR RECAPTURED BY THE COUNTY, IDENTIFY ONE OR MORE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES TO RECEIVE SAID RECAPTURED FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, a first-generation college student is one where neither of their parents holds a bachelor's degree; and

**WHEREAS**, while over half of current, enrolled college students can be considered first-generation, graduation rates for first-generation college students continue to remain low; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Pew Research Center, while 70 percent of enrolled college students who have at least one parent with a bachelor's degree obtain a bachelor's degree themselves, only 26 percent of enrolled first-generation college students graduate and obtain a bachelor's degree; and

**WHEREAS**, adults who have attained at least a bachelor’s degree have better economic outcomes, on average, than adults who have not completed college, and they tend to earn higher salaries and accumulate more wealth; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to allocate \$1,500,000.00 from the District 2 portion of the Districts Designated Projects Program in the County’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget to Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida, Inc., a not-for-profit organization (“Grantee”), to be utilized to establish or fund an endowment fund and to develop an application and award process to identify and select eligible Miami-Dade County residents who are currently enrolled, or will be enrolled, in colleges and universities as first-generation college students to provide scholarships to assist with costs, expenses and fees associated with their college and university studies to be funded with interest earnings generated on the corpus of the endowment fund; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to allow the Grantee to use an amount not to exceed five percent of the awarded grant funds for its administrative expenses associated with the scholarship program; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board further wishes to authorize and direct the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to negotiate, finalize and execute a grant agreement with the Grantee, which grant agreement shall be generally in the form that is on file with the Office of the Clerk of the Board and available for inspection upon request, and to exercise all provisions contained therein, and to take all other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Approves an allocation in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the District 2 portion of the Districts Designated Projects Program in the County’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget to Grantee to be utilized to establish or fund an endowment fund and to develop an application and award process to identify and select eligible Miami-Dade County residents who are currently enrolled, or will be enrolled, in colleges and universities as first-generation college students to provide scholarships to assist with costs, expenses and fees associated with their college and university studies to be funded with interest earnings generated on the corpus of the endowment fund.

**Section 3.** Authorizes and directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (a) negotiate, finalize and execute a grant agreement with the Grantee, which grant agreement shall be generally in the form that is on file with the Office of the Clerk of the Board and available for inspection, and exercise all provisions contained therein; (b) take all other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this resolution; and (c) upon termination of the grant agreement that results in funds being remitted to or recaptured by the County, identify one or more not-for-profit entities to receive said recaptured funds to be used for the purposes set forth in this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman            |                        |
| Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman |                        |
| Sen. René García                      | Keon Hardemon          |
| Sally A. Heyman                       | Danielle Cohen Higgins |
| Eileen Higgins                        | Joe A. Martinez        |
| Kionne L. McGhee                      | Jean Monestime         |
| Raquel A. Regalado                    | Rebeca Sosa            |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto                  |                        |

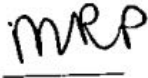
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Monica Rizo Perez