

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to provide a report analyzing: (1) the grant application process utilized by the County Mayor in response to Resolution No. R-976-23, and (2) the provision of services by “the legacy CBOs” (community-based organizations), including their performance metrics and funding sources

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.


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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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12-2-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT ANALYZING: (1) THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS UTILIZED BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION NO. R-976-23, AND (2) THE PROVISION OF SERVICES BY "THE LEGACY CBOs" (COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS), INCLUDING THEIR PERFORMANCE METRICS AND FUNDING SOURCES

WHEREAS, each year, the County provides millions of dollars in grant funding to nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations providing human and social services to residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, for nearly a decade, and in some instances over a decade, the community-based organization ("CBO") grant funding managed by the Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination Division ("OMB-GC"), has gone to the same list of nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations, known as the "legacy CBOs"; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, the County administration prepared a report (Legislative File No. 230973), that proposed a new competitive CBO grant process that was streamlined and simplified based on extensive research conducted by the administration and based on extensive feedback from the nonprofit and not-for-profit community; and

WHEREAS, the new process proposed modified funding categories based on a survey of community needs and census data; and

WHEREAS, the new process was meant to maximize the amount of funding for services and to be more inclusive for a broader range of CBOs, including those with limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, this Board approved Resolution No. R-976-23, which approved the proposed competitive grant process for funding CBOs; and

WHEREAS, the administration proceeded with the grant application process for nearly two years, and received a voluminous number of grant applications from the nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations serving Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, as part of the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025-26, the administration recommended the rejection of the CBO grant application process and all applications received therefrom, which the Board approved; and

WHEREAS, instead, for Fiscal Year 2025-26, this Board approved continuing grant funding for the legacy CBOs, plus a few additional non-profit or not-for-profit organizations that were added to the CBO grant list over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, other than the annual report card provided to the Board pursuant to Implementing Order 3-15, there has not been any critical analysis performed and provided to this Board regarding the performance of these CBOs; and

WHEREAS, based on a presentation provided by the administration at the October 2025 Appropriations Committee, this Board learned that the human and social services provided by the legacy CBOs overseen by OMB-GC is a small portion of the County's grant allocations to community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Board is interested in understanding the reach and scope of the services provided by the legacy CBOs within the context of all County grant allocations to community-based organizations, including state and federally funded organizations where the County is a pass-through, as well as programs and services directly provided by County departments; and

WHEREAS, this Board is also interested in understanding the metrics used to evaluate the services provided by the legacy CBOs and whether there are duplicative service providers among the legacy CBOs, as well as compared with programs and services provided by other community-based organization grant recipients and County departments; and

WHEREAS, also, contrary to Board policy set forth in Resolution No. R-134-25, which the administration requested to waive for the legacy CBOs in Fiscal Year 2025-26, it is also uncertain how dependent these organizations are on County grant funds, and if, and to what extent, these organizations receive financial support from other sources; and

WHEREAS, in order to make informed policy decisions on CBO grant funding going forward, including the process by which to award such grant funds, the Board wishes to have the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee provide a detailed report about the recent CBO grant application process and the legacy CBOs,

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

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are approved.

Section 2. The Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report to this Board that: (1) analyzes and summarizes the successes and challenges of the competitive grant application process carried out by the administration pursuant to the directive in Resolution No. R-976-23, and (2) analyzes the performance and funding of the legacy CBOs (including any additional nonprofit and not-for-profit organizations added to the CBO list over the past several years) within the context of all of the County's grant allocations to community-based organizations, as well as programs and services offered directly by County departments, broken out by funding category (Public Safety; Basic Needs; Children and Adults

with Disabilities; Criminal Justice; Elder Needs; Food Program; Health; Immigrants/New Entrants; Special Needs; Workforce Development; Domestic Violence; Children and Educational Support; Women and Family Support; etc.). In particular, the report should address: (a) the geographic reach and scope of services provided by the legacy CBOs within the County; (b) any duplication of services provided by and between the legacy CBOs and as compared with services provided by County departments or by other County grant recipients; (c) how effective the services are being rendered by the legacy CBOs and a description of the performance metrics used by the administration to calculate the effectiveness; and (d) a detailed report of the financial dependency of these organizations on County general funds, in accordance with Resolution No. R-134-25.

Section 3. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report required by section 2 to this Board within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

LCK

Leigh C. Kobrinski