

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(33)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

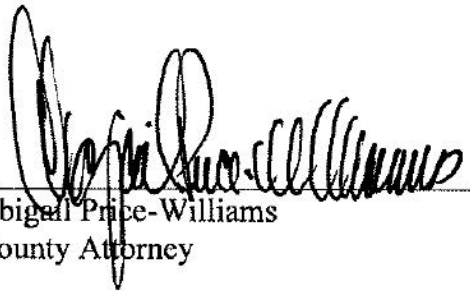
**DATE:** May 5, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to cancel, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the 2020 HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition, also known as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), and provide automatic funding to all recipients awarded under the 2019 NOFA

Resolution No. R-445-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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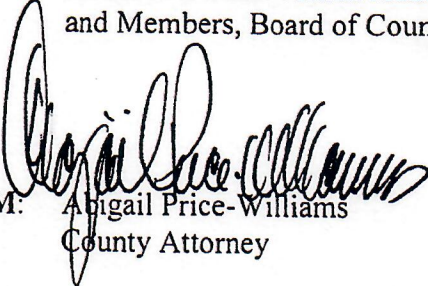


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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5-5-20

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ R-445-20

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO CANCEL, AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, THE 2020 HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA), AND PROVIDE AUTOMATIC FUNDING TO ALL RECIPIENTS AWARDED UNDER THE 2019 NOFA

**WHEREAS**, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), a novel coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the disease has since spread globally, and on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 9, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide is over 1,602,000, with more than 468,000 of those in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, persons experiencing homelessness are at increased risk of contracting COVID-19, with analysis suggesting that homeless individuals infected with COVID-19 would be twice as likely to be hospitalized, two to four times as likely to require critical care, and two to three times as likely to die than members of the general population; and



**WHEREAS**, in light of these concerning statistics, Miami-Dade County's Continuum of Care (CoC), led by its lead agency the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, like other Continuums throughout the country, is focusing its efforts and resources on protecting this vulnerable population from the ravages of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition, also known as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is approaching; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOFA is an exhaustive process which consumes considerable time on the part of the CoCs, providers, and HUD staff; and

**WHEREAS**, at this critical time, it would be dangerous to deflect the attention and resources of CoCs and others away from their efforts to mitigate COVID-19 among the country's homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, less than one year ago, each currently funded CoC participated in the 2019 NOFA and competed nationally for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, those awarded funding were found to have programs that met HUD guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, given the unprecedented nature of the current health crisis and the need to focus all CoC and government resources on dealing with it, HUD should cancel its 2020 NOFA and authorize automatic continuation of funding to those CoCs awarded under the 2019 NOFA,

**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, which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** Urges the United States Congress and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to cancel, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the 2020 HUD CoC Program Competition, also known as the NOFA, and provide automatic funding to all recipients awarded under the 2019 NOFA.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

**Section 4.** Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2020 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

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

	Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>	
	Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	<b>aye</b>	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	<b>absent</b>	Daniella Levine Cava	<b>aye</b>
Jose “Pepe” Diaz	<b>aye</b>	Sally A. Heyman	<b>aye</b>
Eileen Higgins	<b>aye</b>	Barbara J. Jordan	<b>aye</b>
Joe A. Martinez	<b>aye</b>	Jean Monestime	<b>aye</b>
Dennis C. Moss	<b>aye</b>	Sen. Javier D. Souto	<b>aye</b>
Xavier L. Suarez	<b>aye</b>		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. 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: Melissa Adames  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Williams", is written over a horizontal line.

Shannon D. Summerset-Williams