

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Special Item No. 11

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

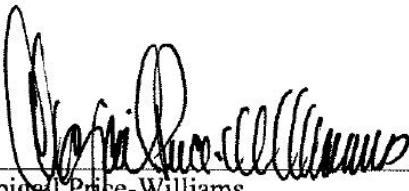
DATE: July 16, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing establishment of a \$30,000,000.00 business grant program for hospitality industry relief from the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, to provide financial support and assistance to local independently owned and operated restaurants and non-home based caterers impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and requiring reports

Resolution No. R-703-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Jean Monestime, and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.



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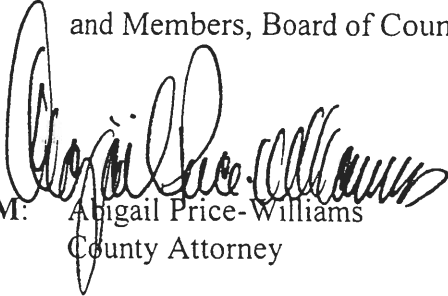


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A \$30,000,000.00 BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY RELIEF FROM THE 2020 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED RESTAURANTS AND NON-HOME BASED CATERERS IMPACTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC; AND REQUIRING REPORTS

WHEREAS, coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, a novel coronavirus that was first identified in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez declared a state of emergency for Miami-Dade County as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these orders have since been extended; and

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

WHEREAS, as of July 14, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide is over 13 million, with more than 3.4 million of those in the United States; and

WHEREAS, to help curb the spread of COVID-19, many state and local governments throughout the country ordered non-essential businesses to close and strongly urged residents to be safe and stay at home; and

WHEREAS, consequently, many small businesses, and in particular independently owned and operated restaurants and non-home based caterers, are now facing a dire threat to their survival, and an increasingly large number of employees have been laid off or furloughed; and

WHEREAS, indeed, more than 44.2 million Americans have filed for unemployment since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, to help blunt the impact of the economic downturn set in motion by the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed, and on March 27, 2020 President Donald Trump signed into law, H.R. 748, the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (the “CARES Act”); and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act is a \$2 trillion stimulus package which provided, among other things:

- one-time checks of \$1,200 to Americans earning a certain income;
- \$349 billion in loans to small businesses;
- \$17 billion of assistance to companies deemed crucial to national security;
- grants of \$25 billion for passenger air carriers, \$4 billion for air-cargo carriers, and \$3 billion for certain contractors; and
- a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act requires that the payments to local governments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
- were not included in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the state or local government; and
- were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida was allocated \$8.328 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, of which the County received \$474 million; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Relief Fund monies must be used by December 30, 2020, and any residual must be returned to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 has had an immediate and serious economic impact in the County, particularly the hospitality industry which has been impacted by lost revenues due to (i) mandatory closures, (ii) travel restrictions and cancellations, and (iii) quarantine and stay at home orders, as well as increased costs incurred to comply with the cleaning, spacing and operational requirements in order to reopen or operate; and

WHEREAS, the hospitality industry is a vital cog in the County's economy; and

WHEREAS, this Board is concerned about the short-term and long-term economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to these businesses in the County; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the economic sustainability of independently owned and operated restaurants and non-home based caterers in the County, this Board desires the County Mayor or

County Mayor's designee to (i) establish a \$30 million business grant program, and (ii) allocate the \$30 million in program funds for a County administered Hospitality Industry Grant Program (the "MDC Fund"), to assist local independently owned and operated restaurants and non-home based caterers,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the establishment of a business grant program in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 for hospitality industry relief, from the 2020 CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation to the County, which will be used for the MDC Fund to provide immediate financial support and assist eligible local independently owned and operated restaurants and non-home based caterers throughout the County.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a written report within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution detailing the status of the development and implementation of the program or explaining why it has not been developed or implemented. Upon implementation, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide a written report to this Board every 60 days thereafter, detailing the status of the hospitality industry applicants that have received assistance from the MDC Fund as a result of the \$30,000,000.00 business grant program, until funding for the program is exhausted. The completed reports shall be placed on agendas of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Jean Monestime, and Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Dennis C. Moss**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 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 &
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "dsh", is written over a horizontal line.

David Stephen Hope
Michael J. Mastrucci