

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 4

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

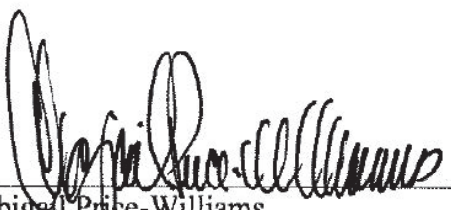
DATE: October 26, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop and implement a grant program to provide \$2,000,000.00 in funds made available through the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for the unincorporated municipal service area to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. to minimize financial hardships caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and authorizing the County Mayor to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant program

Resolution No. R-1133-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.


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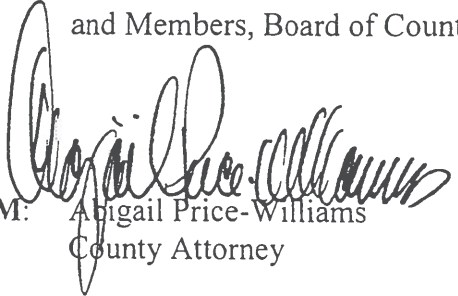


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "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 _____

Special Item No. 4
10-26-20

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1133-20 _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE \$2,000,000.00 IN FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE 2020 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES ACT) FOR THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPOSITION, INC. TO MINIMIZE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. hosts a 4-week community event dating back to 1952 for the benefit of the youth and residents of Miami-Dade County (the “Fair”); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc is a private, charitable organization designated as 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a long-term lease with the County, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. has planned, developed and managed the fairgrounds for the benefit and use by the community with limited financial support from the County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. has been a partner with the County, allowing the fairgrounds to serve as a centralized staging area and evacuation center during natural disasters, such as hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19, the fairgrounds have served as field hospital, a COVID-19 testing site, and a food distribution center serving the residents throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issues 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, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. spent millions of dollars in preparation for the Fair and its expected approximately 600,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 caused Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. to incur substantial expenses related to safety plans and procedures to prepare for the opening of the Fair on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on the opening day of the Fair, the determination was made by County officials to postpone the Fair indefinitely as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. is in need of financial assistance in order to sustain the maintenance and operation for the fairgrounds as an emergency response facility and to be able to produce the 2021 Fair; 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 not incurred during the period that begins 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 returned to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, this Board has approved various legislation providing financial assistance to various individual, organizations, and small business impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-779-20 setting County policy that the County shall consider the unincorporated municipal service area (UMSA) a municipality for purposes of allocating and distributing funds made available through the CARES Act, the proposed HEROES Act, or similar legislation providing federal funds to local governments to assist with the public health emergency caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Board is invested in ensuring the ongoing viability of the Fair; and

WHEREAS, accordingly this Board desires to direct the County Mayor to use funding made available through the CARES Act to minimize the financial hardship Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. has suffered as a result of COVID-19,

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are approved and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

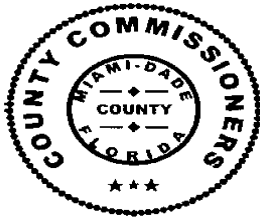
Section 2. This Board directs the County Mayor to develop and implement a grant agreement using \$2 million in funds made available through the CARES Act for UMSA to Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. to minimize financial hardship caused by COVID-19. In developing the grant agreement, the County Mayor shall to the extent legally permissible under the CARES Act make such funds available for the payment of business expenses, including employee payroll costs.

Section 3. This Board authorizes the County Mayor to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution, following approval of such documents by the County Attorney's Office for legal form and sufficiency.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, 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	aye
Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye
Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dennis C. Moss	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent
Daniella Levine Cava	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 26th day of October, 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer