

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(29)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	April 20, 2021
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Resolution urging the United States Congress to provide Community Project Funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, Inc. to establish a new club in Miami Gardens

Resolution No. R-378-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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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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4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-378-21

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF MIAMI-DADE, INC. TO
ESTABLISH A NEW CLUB IN MIAMI GARDENS

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the valuable work done by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, Inc. (“Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade”) and has a long history of supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade through various grant funding, including community-based organization grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving at-risk children in Miami-Dade since 1946 and currently consists of five club locations (“clubs”) that serve more than 8,000 boys and girls year-round; and

WHEREAS, the clubs provide summer camps as well as after-school programs with homework assistance, literacy activities and tutoring, a STEM (science, technology and math) lab, arts and crafts, and sports and fitness activities; and

WHEREAS, the clubs provide programs for teenagers that include tutoring, ACT/SAT preparation, career preparedness, leadership development, and mentoring, as well as financial literacy and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, studies show that after-school programs, such as those offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, play a critical role in reducing youth violence; and

WHEREAS, studies show that juveniles are most likely to commit or to be the victims of crimes, or to engage in risky behaviors such as drug use or sexual activity, during the hours immediately after the school day ends when many parents and guardians are unable to provide adequate supervision; and

WHEREAS, well-run afterschool activities and programs offer parents and guardians with safe alternatives to leaving children and youth home without adult supervision; and

WHEREAS, in addition, such activities and programs may help transform unsupervised time into a constructive period with short- and long-term academic and behavioral benefits, including reducing youth violence and risk-taking behaviors; and

WHEREAS, this year the United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations will implement a Community Project Funding initiative that will allow members of Congress to submit requests for local project funding to directly address the most significant needs of the communities that they represent; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson (D – Miami Gardens) would like to establish a new club for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade to be located at the Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary School located at 4555 NW 206th Terrance in Miami Gardens using Community Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, the new club will initially serve 100 students across the following nine schools: Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary School, Miami Gardens Elementary School, North Gardens High School, Lake Stevens Elementary School, Lake Stevens Middle School, Barbara Hawkins Elementary School, Miramar High School, Carol City Middle, and North County K-8 Center; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be used for program expenses, and, if available, recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, this request for funding is supported by other community partners who recognize the need for after-school programs in Miami Gardens, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, and other community and corporate organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that gun violence has plagued our community and that increasing social services and youth mentoring, and providing better educational opportunities is an important step in the direction of combatting this violence; and

WHEREAS, to that effect, this Board wishes to express its support for this funding request made by Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson which will go toward this worthwhile initiative and organization,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to provide Community Project Funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, Inc. to establish a new club in Miami Gardens at the Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary School.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson and the remaining Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the funding set forth in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2021 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

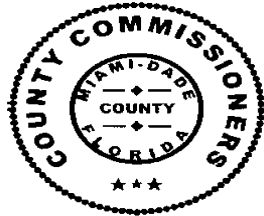
The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2021. 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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Leigh C. Kobrinski