

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing establishment of a \$1,000,000.00 business innovation start up grant program (BizUp) to provide funding assistance for small business formation; directing the County Mayor to identify legally available funding sources necessary to implement such program; authorizing the County Mayor to create the program structure and operations, including selection committee members, selection process and criteria, amount of grant awarded, and business development milestones; authorizing the County Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend funding for the program, and to enter into agreements for the purposes set forth herein; and requiring a report

Resolution No. R-950-21

This item was amended at the 9-16-21 Public Housing and Community Services Committee to (i) change the business grant program acronym from BISUP to BizUp, and (ii) include BizUp in the title.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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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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10-5-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-950-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A \$1,000,000.00 BUSINESS INNOVATION START UP GRANT PROGRAM (BIZUP) TO PROVIDE FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS FORMATION; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CREATE THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA, AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDED, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 continues to have a serious economic impact in Miami-Dade County (the "County"), particularly to small businesses which were impacted by lost revenues due to: (i) mandatory closures, (ii) order delays and cancellations, (iii) quarantine and stay-at-home orders, and (iv) increased costs incurred to comply with the cleaning, spacing and operational requirements in order to reopen or operate; and

WHEREAS, in the context of the resultant economic downturn, economic recovery will be energized as people become more creative with business innovation and ideas; and

WHEREAS, the County wants to create small business success stories, and be a hub for entrepreneurs to realize their vision of business formation and contribution to the South Florida economy; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the economic sustainability of entrepreneurship and the formation of small businesses, this Board desires the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (i) establish a \$1,000,000.00 business innovation start up project (“~~[[BISUP]]~~”¹ >>BizUp<< Miami-Dade”), and (ii) allocate forgivable grants of \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to individual businesses based upon their development plans and needs; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”) is a \$1,900,000,000,000.00 economic stimulus package which provides, among other things, \$350,000,000,000.00 to help state, local, and tribal governments bridge budget shortfalls and mitigate fiscal impacts incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, including about \$8,800,000,000.00 for cities and counties in Florida, and covers certain costs incurred by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County may receive up to approximately \$526,930,000.00 in ARP funding; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to accomplish the purposes outlined in the foregoing recitals,

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

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

Section 2. This Board authorizes the establishment of a business innovation start up grant program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for funding assistance for small business formation.

Section 3. This Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to identify legally available funding sources necessary to implement ~~[[BISUP]]~~>>BizUp<< Miami-

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

Dade, as well as any funding opportunities through ARP, and to include such funding sources in the report required by section 6 of this resolution.

Section 4. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to create the ~~[[BISUP]]~~>>BizUp<< Miami-Dade program structure and operations including: (i) appointing committee members; (ii) determining selection processes and criteria; (iii) deciding the grant amount awarded; (iv) setting business development milestones; and (v) delineating grant forgiveness measures. The County's Small Business Development Division, as well as the Beacon Council, non-profit organizations, and economic development agencies should be considered when determining the composition of selection committee members

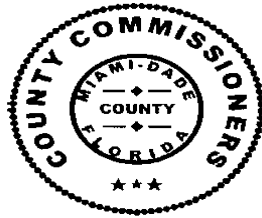
Section 5. This Board also authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend funding for ~~[[BISUP]]~~>>BizUp<< Miami-Dade, and to enter into agreements necessary for ~~[[BISUP]]~~>>BizUp<< Miami-Dade's function and operation.

Section 6. This Board further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report detailing the implementation of ~~[[BISUP]]~~>>BizUp<< Miami-Dade. The report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez** 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 5th day of October, 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "dsh", with a horizontal line underneath.

David Stephen Hope