

Memorandum



Date: July 16, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Resolution No. R-723-25

Subject: Resolution Retroactively Authorizing the Application, Acceptance, and Receipt of Sub-Grantee Funding from the United States Department of Agriculture's Women, Infant, and Children Community Innovation and Outreach Program

Executive Summary

This item seeks retroactive authorization of the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's application for and acceptance of \$126,999 in grant funding, as a sub-grantee, from Variety Children's Hospital d/b/a Nicklaus Children's Hospital ("NCH"), a subrecipient of the United States Department of Agriculture's Women, Infant, and Children, known as WIC, Community Innovation and Outreach Project for the provision of nutrition education and enrollment services and the implementation of the County's Miami-Dade Exchange ACCESS ("MDxACCESS") data sharing program ("Project"). A copy of the Notice of Award is included as Attachment A. The Project aims to provide underserved families with enhanced nutritional and childcare support. MDxACCESS aims to create a shared data hub (Health Information Exchange) to expedite enrollment in WIC programming, improve the retention of children up to age five in existing WIC programming, and enhance overall benefit utilization through outreach and streamlined processes. Using the grant funds, the Community Action and Human Services Department ("CAHSD") will work with a contractor approved by NCH (Fruity Veggie Nutrition, Inc.) to expand CAHSD's existing nutritional services portfolio by providing outreach and nutrition education for the County's Head Start and Early Head Start community, a target population of MDxACCESS. The resolution further seeks, waiving Resolution No. R-130-06, authorization for the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to enter into agreements and documents necessary for the receipt and expenditure of these funds, and to apply for future grant funding for the Project, for a period of no more than 10 years from the effective date of the resolution, provided that future grant applications do not commit County funds, other than in-kind.

Recommendation

It is recommended that this Board approve the attached resolution which:

- 1) Retroactively approves and authorizes the County Mayor's or the County Mayor's designee's application for and acceptance of grant funds, as a sub-grantee, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through NCH, in the approximate amount of \$126,999, to participate in the Project over a performance period beginning on January 6, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026;
- 2) Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to receive and expend such grant funds to provide nutrition education services and leverage trusted messengers,

such as Miami-Dade WIC and NCH, to reduce navigation burdens for underserved families through the Health Information Exchange;

- 3) Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements and other documents necessary for the receipt and expenditure of such grant funds, following review and approval for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office, including, but not limited to: (i) a sub-grant agreement with NCH for the County to be reimbursed for up to a maximum allowable amount of \$126,999 for costs associated with implementing MDxACCESS and the Project; (ii) an agreement with Fruity Veggie Nutrition, Inc., a dietitian approved by NCH to provide services for the Project with the County, and (iii) an agreement with NCH for the Health Information Exchange, which will serve as a shared data hub for the partnering agencies to access and enter data, and to track follow-ups and enrollment;
- 4) Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, accept, receive, and expend additional future grant funds that may become available for the Project, and to execute any agreements and other documents that may be necessary for the receipt and expenditure of such funding, for up to 10 years from the effective date of this resolution, provided that future grant applications do not commit County funds, other than in kind. Further authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to exercise the provisions set forth in such agreements and documents, including termination and amendment provisions, provided that any such amendments do not alter the purpose of the Project or term of the agreement beyond 10 years, or commit County funds other than in kind; and
- 5) Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06, requiring all non-governmental entities to execute agreements prior to presentation to this Board for approval for the reasons stated below.

Scope

The scope of this resolution is countywide.

Delegation of Authority

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have the authority set forth in the recommendation section above, following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no anticipated negative fiscal impact to the County's General Fund through the approval of this resolution.

Track Record/Monitor

NCH will serve as the designated point-of-contact and provide overall leadership for the Project; this includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) building out an information exchange system; (2) training clinicians on the Project and said information exchange system; (3) providing community-based outreach; (4) referring eligible families to CAHSD for services

provided by or through the Department; and (5) managing grant funds overall and any requisite reporting, evaluation, and administrative activities of the Project.

CAHSD will use such grant funds to expand its continuum of nutritional services and related care to MDxACCESS participants. Sonia J. Grice, the CAHSD Director, or her designee(s) will oversee all work resulting from this resolution.

Background

Through MDxACCESS, three organizations with 184 years of combined experience serving the County's vulnerable children, will be able to collectively assist over 164,000 children annually and aims to increase WIC awareness, participation, and benefit redemption, while reducing disparities in programmatic delivery in the County. Led by NCH, South Florida's only specialty children's hospital serving over 700,000 children annually, the implementation of MDxACCESS will involve the CAHSD's Head Start/Early Head Start Program, which is serving over 7,700 children and families daily, and will include a partnership with Miami-Dade WIC, which is serving approximately 70,000 clients a month. MDxACCESS will collectively establish a Health Information Exchange to streamline referrals and enrollment, conduct targeted outreach, and train clinicians. MDxACCESS will directly address the significant gap in WIC participation in the County, where only 78.1% of eligible individuals were enrolled as of May 2024, leaving an estimated 19,445 women, infants, and children without vital support. By implementing active handoff strategies and cross-agency collaboration, MDxACCESS will ensure fair access to nutrition and childcare resources and ultimately serve as a model for reducing disparities and improving outcomes for vulnerable families not just in County but regionally.

The mission of CAHSD is to empower families, individuals, and communities through a provision of comprehensive social services; the Project will assist qualifying families in achieving increased levels of economic self-sufficiency by alleviating the currently inflated costs of food and providing opportunities for parents to focus on their children and their careers through the utilization of child care. The Project will link eligible families to workforce development and early childhood preparation opportunities through the County's award-winning and nationally recognized Head Start and Early Head Start Programs; these programs are administered both directly by the County and in certain partnerships with local small businesses.

Attachment A - Notice of Award



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Chief Community Services Officer

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Subject: Exciting news - WIC CIAO grant awarded!
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 12:18:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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SOURCE

Hi all, and happy new year!

I am so excited to share that our proposal has been selected for funding for Round 2 of the WIC CIAO project! Congratulations to all of us and thank you so much for the hard work that each of you put into achieving this successful outcome.

There is a [mandatory WIC CIAO virtual kick-off meeting for all subgrantees on January 29 at 1:30-3:00 pm EST](#). Please make sure that you – or a representative from your organization – registers and attends. The WIC CIAO Project Team requests that we do NOT start working on any of the standard evaluation activities until further information is provided at the kick-off meeting. The information provided will include a review of the Project Team and subgrantee responsibilities for standard evaluation activities and an overview of what to expect for each activity.

The impact that we create together is going to be tremendous for the children and families in our community and I'm looking forward to working with each of you!

Best,
Julie

Julie Katz

She/Her/Hers

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 16, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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

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7-16-25

Veto

Override

RESOLUTION NO. R-723-25

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE'S APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, AS A SUB-GRANTEE, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S WOMEN, INFANT, AND CHILDREN COMMUNITY INNOVATION AND OUTREACH PROJECT, THROUGH VARIETY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL D/B/A NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,999.00, FOR THE PROVISION OF NUTRITION EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES AND HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ("PROJECT"), FOR A TWO-YEAR PERFORMANCE PERIOD; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO: (1) RECEIVE AND EXPEND SUCH GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT; (2) EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR SAID PURPOSE; (3) APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE, AS WELL AS EXECUTE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY SUCH GRANT FUNDS, FOR UP TO 10 YEARS; AND (4) EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS; AND WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

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

Section 1. Approves the foregoing recital, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Retroactively approves and authorizes the County Mayor's or County Mayor's designee's application for and acceptance of grant funds, as a sub-grantee, from the

United States Department of Agriculture’s Women, Infant, and Children Community Innovation and Outreach Project, through Variety Children’s Hospital d/b/a Nicklaus Children’s Hospital (“NCH”), in the approximate amount of \$126,999.00, for the provision of nutrition education and enrollment services and Health Information Exchange (“Project”), over a performance period beginning on January 6, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026.

Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to receive and expend said grant funds for the Project and execute agreements and other documents necessary for the receipt and expenditure of such grant funds, following review and approval for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney’s Office, including, but not limited to: (i) a sub-grant agreement with NCH for the Project; (ii) an agreement with Fruity Veggie Nutrition, Inc., a dietitian approved by NCH to work on the Project with the County; and (iii) an agreement with NCH for the Health Information Exchange.

Section 4. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional future grant funds for the Project, and to execute any agreements and other documents that may be necessary for the receipt and expenditure of such funding, for up to 10 years from the effective date of this resolution, provided that future grant awards do not commit County funds, other than in-kind services.

Section 5. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to exercise the provisions in all such agreements and documents described in sections 3 and 4, including termination and amendment provisions, provided that such amendments do not alter the purpose of the Project or term of the agreement beyond 10 years, or commit County funds, other than in-kind services.

Section 6. Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06, requiring all non-County parties to execute agreements prior to presentation to this Board for approval.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of July, 2025. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Leigh C. Kobrinski