MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM (FY 2011)
SECOND HALF - 111th CONGRESS

1. NAME OF DEPARTMENT
Miami Dade County Park and Recreation Department

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3. PROJECT NAME
Cinco de Mayo Park Development

4. BACKGROUND
This project is adjacent to and primarily serves a community of 463 agricultural migrant worker families (over 800 children) who harvest crops, tend the plants and generally provide the labor that puts winter vegetable on the plates of America. The families' average annual incomes are $16,000 to $19,000. They live here year around in government assisted rental housing. The community has existed since 1939; it was then shabby portables lines up in a row. It was demolished by Hurricane Andrew in 1992, replaced by FEMA temporary trailers and has since been rebuilt. This now beautiful community is an award winning social experiment funded by the federal government to encourage migrant workers to come here to work in the agricultural industry in South Miami Dade County. This planned community now resembles any well kept, safe, decent, middle class neighborhood. The Everglades Community contains three childcare centers, a health clinic, a singles dormitory, a store, educational facilities, a 10 acre park with soccer, baseball and basketball courts and administrative and maintenance offices. It lacks one thing ... a gathering place, a community space that tenants perceive as their own; a place to gather and celebrate their culture. Even though the community is mostly Hispanic these residents, mostly Mexican

do not share the political, social or cultural identity of most of Miami-Dade County. The amphitheater will have state of the art lighting and sound. Partners such as Miami-Dade College, the Miami Dade School Board and the University of Miami will be recruited to help fund and educate persons to market, operate and maintain the space. The recreation center building will house the after school and summer programs now provided free of charge by the Miami Dade Children's Trust in leftover FEMA trailers. The park land is owned by the community association and leased to the Parks Department.

5. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**
   This project will construct a recreation center and amphitheatre on the existing site. The recreation center will have space for a computer lab and classrooms for arts and culture and performing arts classes. The amphitheater will provide both rain and shade shelter and a stage for performances. The meticulously landscaped lawn will provide seating space for events and preserve this green space for picnicking and a passive park.

6. **AMOUNT REQUESTED**
   $760,000

7. **APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION (Please include federal agency of jurisdiction and account)**
   None

8. **RATIONALE FOR FUNDING PROPOSAL (Including verification that County has signed necessary cost sharing agreements if applicable)**
   Cinco de Mayo Park has recreation facilities but no structures. The only other park in the area (Benito Juarez Park) has only soccer fields that are always dominated by adults; there is insufficient land to expand that park.

9. **ARE GRANT, FORMULA, OR ENTITLEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT, INITIATIVE, OR ACTIVITY? (If so, please indicate and explain rationale for requesting a separate appropriation earmark, as opposed to accessing other federal funds)**
   There are no other federal or state grant opportunities known to us for this project.

10. **INTENDED RECIPIENT(S) OF FUNDING**
    Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation Department

11. **MATCHING FUNDS (List amount and source. Are Local and State matching funds required for this funding source? If so, please indicate the state or local match, as well as % of federal match required by the Federal Government)**

For this $1,200,000 project, the Miami Dade County Park and Recreation Department has allocated $240,000 in Capital Outlay reserve Funds for fiscal year 2008-2009. The Everglades Community has $200,000 available to assist in funding the construction. The Everglades Community Association has already paid $75,000 for architectural plans now in progress. The Everglades Community owns the park land and is leasing it to the Miami Dade County Parks Department.

12. HISTORY OF FEDERAL FUNDING (List agency funding and amount funded per year over the last 5 years)

No previous assistance has been provided for this project.

13. HISTORY OF COUNTY FUNDING (List each fiscal year and amount funded)

In 2006, Miami Dade County paid $243,000 in Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond funds for irrigation, paving, drainage, sports lighting and fencing improvements for Cinco de Mayo Park.

14. AMOUNT RECOMMENDED IN THIS YEAR'S FEDERAL BUDGET (include agency funding this item) $760,000.

15. IS THERE A DOCUMENTED NEED FOR THE PROJECT: INCLUDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS OR BCC ACTION? (If so, please provide documentation)

None

16. WAS THIS PROJECT HEARD BEFORE A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING OR BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (MUNICIPAL, COUNTY OR STATE)? (List hearing body or meeting date)

The proposed construction of a recreation center at Cinco de Mayo Park appeared in the County's FY 2008-2009 Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan. Two public hearings on this document were held, one on September 4, 2008 and another on September 18, 2008.

17. PRIORITIZE YOUR REQUESTS NUMERICALLY