



## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AWARDDING A GRANT TO CLEAN MIAMI BEACH TO IMPLEMENT MORE EXTENSIVE CLEANUP EFFORTS.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the February 21, 2024 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss approving a one-time grant to Clean Miami Beach, Inc.

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In 2023, Clean Miami Beach conducted 95 total cleanups, with 29,212 pounds of trash picked up, and has hosted or participated in programming to promote its mission including tabling events, speaking engagements, school presentations, corporate presentations, and art workshops.

While the grant provided has been invaluable in supporting various cleanup initiatives and educational programs, the challenges our community faces in ensuring the cleanliness and environmental sustainability of our beloved Miami Beach are multifaceted and ever-growing.

Clean Miami Beach's current budget for 2024 is approximately \$375,000 including, but not limited to, payroll, insurance, operations, business expenses, contracted services, and facilities (see attached Exhibit A for itemized allocations).

I would like Clean Miami Beach to present a funding request before the Committee, outlining what is needed to implement more extensive cleanup efforts, invest in sustainable practices, and enhance its educational outreach programs, along with deliverables, and for the Committee to ultimately to determine a recommended grant amount to the full City Commission.

**SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right  
to Know" item, pursuant to  
City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O.  
Bond Funds?**

No

**Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

▢ Memo



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