

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Mayor and City Commission  
FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner  
DATE: September 20, 2024  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE THE IDENTIFICATION OF GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

Please place on the July 24, 2024, agenda a referral to the and the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "Committee") to discuss steps that could be taken and/or policies that could be implemented to enhance the identification of grant opportunities for the City of Miami Beach (the "City").

The City continually seeks to leverage external funding sources, including federal, state, and private grants, to support various initiatives and projects that benefit the community. Identifying and securing grant opportunities is crucial for the City's financial health and the successful implementation of its strategic goals, including critical infrastructure and resiliency projects.

I would like for the Administration to present an overview of the existing procedures and tools used by the City to identify grant opportunities and to identify what additional steps could be taken to ensure the City maximizes available funding, including by examining best practices followed by counties in the State of Florida and other municipalities and exploring advanced tools and technologies that can assist (e.g., grant databases, subscription services and software solutions).

The Administration should also be prepared to present strategies to improve internal coordination among departments to streamline grant identification and application processes, as well as training and professional development opportunities for staff to enhance their skills in grant identification and application.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

Grants Management

**Sponsor(s)**

Mayor Steven Meiner

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Enhance Identification of Grant Opportunities. (Meiner/Dominguez)