

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MIAMI BEACH WATERSPORTS CENTER INC., IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT OF \$85,000, TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING NEEDS AT THE RONALD W. SHANE CENTER.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration respectfully requests approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement between the City and the Miami Beach Watersports Center Inc., for a total sum not to exceed \$85,000, to support programming needs at the Ronald W. Shane Center.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Miami Beach Watersports Center Inc. ("MB Watersports") is a Florida not-for-profit organization that operates a premier rowing club with over 250 members, most of whom are Miami Beach residents. MB Watersports offers a para-rowing program (the "Program"), which teaches people with disabilities how to row and provides a training facility for competitive para-rowers. There are 15-20 regular participants training 3-4 days a week, including four disabled veterans. All participants live locally, half being Miami Beach and North Bay Village residents. They have been designated as a Paralympic Sport Club by the US Olympic Committee. The Program has grown in popularity and needs financial assistance to expand. The annual cost to run the Program is estimated at \$150,000.

During the City's FY 2016 budget process, an enhancement of \$85,000 was approved to partially fund the Program at the Ronald W. Shane Center. Subsequently, a grant agreement has been executed for the past nine years and MB Watersports has purchased adaptive equipment and funded instructors to support the Program. They have worked with the Grants Division on providing proof of purchase and payment, and continue to be reimbursed accordingly.

ANALYSIS

MB Watersports is grateful for the City's continuous support and has accomplished the following achievements in FY 2024 because of their support:

- Maintained the Program completely free of charge to participants with sustained quality coaching with experienced coaches
- Novice/recreational athletes trained 3 times a week
- Competitive athletes trained 4 times a week
- Provided team uniforms for Program participants
- One athlete won gold at an international regatta in South Africa
- Five athletes competed at erg sprints
- Two athletes competed at Head of the Indian Creek Regatta

- Athletes on land used adapted ergometers (rowing machines) with fixed seats funded by the grant
- Athletes on water training used adaptive boats with specialized equipment (oars, seats, stabilizers, etc.) funded by the grant

Funding is included as part of the Parks and Recreation Department's Current Service Level Budget for FY 2025. The Administration recommends entering into an tenth Grant Agreement with MB Watersports for \$85,000. The Grant Agreement will mirror the same requirements as past agreements, which requires the grantee to provide a report on the number of participants trained, how the funds were spent and the program's accomplishments in relationship to the funds provided by the City. Priority shall be given to Miami Beach Residents and U.S. Military Service Members. MB Watersports proposes to use the grant funds to continue providing this valuable service

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Funding for this grant agreement is included within the Parks and Recreation's approved FY 2025 budget. (Exhibit A)

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Amount: \$85,000.00

Account: 011-0950-000312-28-406-545-00-00-00-

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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

Yes

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

Parks and Recreation

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Execute Grant Agreement w/Watersports Center Inc., Programming at Ronald W. Shane Center. PKS