

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING (AND, AS TO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING) THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT FUNDING, EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING GRANTS, PROGRAMS, AND AGREEMENTS: 1) FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, COASTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$20,000; 2) U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$175,000; 3) LEARY FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION, JEREMIAH LUCEY GRANT PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$20,000; AND 4) U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA), CONGRESSIONALLY-DIRECTED GRANT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$963,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The City of Miami Beach applies for various grants and funding allocations from external agencies and organizations. Information regarding the projects and funding sources is included in the Analysis section of this Agenda Item.

### **ANALYSIS**

1. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Coastal Partnership Initiative, in the approximate amount of \$20,000 for Beach Dune Habitat Restoration and Enhancement.

Through the Coastal Partnership Initiative (CPI), the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP) makes federal - specifically, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - funds available on a competitive basis to Florida's 35 coastal counties and all municipalities. The CPI was developed to promote the protection and effective management of Florida's coastal resources.

The City administration is applying for grant funding in the approximate amount of \$20,000 for a beach dune restoration and enhancement project that will replant areas of the dune system that have been impacted by trespassers or natural events. The project will increase resilience, provide storm surge protection to upland properties, resist sea level rise damage, and reduce beach erosion. The City is providing matching funds in the approximate amount of \$20,000 from account

number 178-6886-000312-36-402-508-00-00-00-.

2. U.S. Conference of Mayors, Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Sustainability Awards, in the approximate amount of \$175,000 for Travel Soccer Program.

The Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards is a partnership between The United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Association for a Healthy America (ABFHA). The Awards grant cities across the country funding to support programs that aim to improve the health and wellness of the nation's children, families, neighborhoods, and cities.

The City administration is applying for grant funding in the approximate amount of \$175,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department's Travel Soccer Program. Grant funds would supplement the cost of financial aid assistance and coaching salaries for the 2025 season. The City is eligible for a Medium City Award, which can range between \$15,000 and \$175,000. No matching funds are required.

3. Leary Firefighters Foundation, Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program, in the approximate amount of \$20,000 for Evacuation Stair Chairs.

The Leary Firefighters Foundation was established in 2000 by actor Denis Leary in response to a tragic fire in Worcester, Massachusetts that claimed the lives of his cousin, a childhood friend, and four other brave firefighters. Through the Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program, the Leary Firefighters Foundation considers grant requests for training, equipment, and technology for fire departments.

The City administration is applying for grant funding in the approximate amount of \$20,000 for the evacuation stair chairs. This is critical equipment for evacuating elderly, disabled, pregnant, or injured persons from high-rise buildings. No matching funds are required.

4. U.S. House of Representatives through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Congressionally-Directed Grant for Community Projects, in the approximate amount of \$963,000 for North Beach Seawalls and Living Shorelines.

Every year, Congress is responsible for allocating funding for offices, programs and grants administered by the federal government. In 2023, the City of Miami Beach submitted an appropriations request through Congresswoman Frederica Wilson's office, for FY 2024 Community Project funding. The City has been notified that funding in the amount of \$963,000 has been approved and will be granted through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The City administration is accepting congressional appropriation funding in the approximate amount of \$963,000 for a North Beach seawall and living shoreline neighborhood resilience project to take place at the following three locations: 1) Park View Island Canal; 2) Bayside Lane; 3) 6860 Indian Creek Drive. The funds will be used for the design phase, which will cover some of the cost of consulting services. No matching funds are required.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**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**

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the stated analysis, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution appropriating funding and approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept funds and execute all documents or agreements in connection with these grants, award programs and funding requests.

**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?**

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

**Department**

Grants Management

**Sponsor(s)**

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Approval to Apply for, Accept and Appropriate Funding, Grants, and Agreements. GM