

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: December 11, 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) BRANCHES INC., MIAMI-DADE VITA COALITION PARTNERSHIP, VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,600 AND 2) SEA TURTLE CONSERVANCY, SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.

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. Branches Inc., Miami-Dade VITA Coalition Partnership, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, in the approximate amount of \$1,600 for VITA services.

Branches, Inc. partners with local organizations to collectively execute the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program as the Miami-Dade VITA Coalition. The VITA Program offers help and support to organizations who offer free preparation and asset building services to low-income or limited English proficiency clients within Miami-Dade County. Every year, the Department of Housing and Community Services partners with Branches and the IRS to offer free tax services to the community.

The City administration is applying for annual grant funding to subsidize the cost of running a tax return service program. As a VITA site, the City receives payment for each return that is completed. It is estimated that in 2025, the City will submit 300 tax returns and receive approximately \$1,600 in grant funding. No matching funds are required.

2. Sea Turtle Conservancy, Sea Turtle License Plate Grant Program, in the approximate amount of \$24,000 for Flip the Switch.

Funded by a portion of revenues from Florida's Sea Turtle Specialty License Plate, the Sea Turtle

Grants Program distributes funds each year to support sea turtle research, conservation and education programs that benefit Florida sea turtles.

The City administration is applying for grant funding in the approximate amount of \$24,000 for the next phase of the City's Flip the Switch Program, which is a partnership between the Miami-Dade County Parks Sea Turtle Conservation Program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), and other local community stakeholders to reduce the impact of artificial lighting along the beachfront and educate the public on how to protect sea turtles during nesting season. The City is providing matching funds in the approximate amount of \$18,000. \$10,000 will come from account number 199-0830-000362-36-402-515-00-00-00-52419 and \$8,000 will come from account number 178-6886-000362-36-402-518-00-00-00-.

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? No

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