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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the City Commission

**FROM:** Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez

**DATE:** June 26, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Referral to the to Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life regarding an allocation of \$25,000 to Pridelines, Inc. for Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations For Everyone).

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Please place on the June 26, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss an allocation of \$25,000 grant monies to Pridelines, Inc. for Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations For Everyone).

Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida.

In 2023, the Mayor and City Commission accepted the recommendation of the PSNQLC, and approved a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines for the development and implementation of a safe space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youth at the LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue on Miami Beach. The initiative includes personal, academic, and professional development programming with integrated wellness resources. In view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, the Commission directed the Administration to prioritize an allocation of a \$50,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in fiscal year 2024 and on a recurring basis, as part of the City's annual budget process each year thereafter.

The Safe Space Program has been a success with the Visitor Center hosting 7-12 people on a daily basis.

I would like for the Committee to consider allocating an additional \$25,000 to Pridelines for another initiative, called Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations For Everyone) to address LGBTQ youth and community homelessness.

The SAFE Project would provide for immediate client needs, such as structured case management facilitated by trained staff, personalized needs assessment and safety planning, navigation support for government, public health, application-based transitional/temporary housing, academic, and employment system, access coordination for emergency shelter, transportation assistance, relocation assistance, and professional-facilitated counseling and therapy.

Many Miami Beach locals, especially LGBTQIA+ individuals, find themselves in a serious and desperate situation, experiencing insecure housing or navigating homelessness, forced out of their families and away from their homes because of their queer identity, or are otherwise on the streets because of various negative social determinants of health.

In the recent aftermath of the tragic death of Andrea Doria Dos Passos, a transgender woman who was tragically murdered while sleeping outside, crisis rapid intervention infrastructure for our unhoused population, especially the most vulnerable ones, is of utmost importance.