

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, MADE AT ITS JULY 10, 2024 MEETING, AND ALLOCATING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR PRIDELINES MIAMI BEACH PROJECT SAFE (SAFE ACCOMODATIONS FOR EVERYONE); FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$25,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022, meeting as follows: the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, at the February 1, 2023, Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth; and

WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2023, Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

WHEREAS, staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather; and

WHEREAS, following multiple conversations, it was determined that an alternate option was preferred; and

WHEREAS, Chief Education Officer Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth; and

WHEREAS, Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to provide 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; and

WHEREAS, at the May 23, 2023, Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously supported providing a grant in the amount of \$50,000 on a recurring basis for a Miami Beach Safe Space; and

WHEREAS, at the June 28, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-32631 was passed to approving a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines, Inc. for the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

WHEREAS, currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue provides a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth (ages 13-20). The partnership with Pridelines includes, but is not limited to, the following youth programs:

- Rainbow Circle - A peer-led LGBTQ support and discussion group. Topics covered often include coming out, relationships, bullying, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, depression and self-esteem. Youth are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings without fear in a safe and supportive environment
- Beyond the Binary - A peer led group for transgender and gender non-conforming youth, and is one of a few programs serving transgender youth in Miami-Dade County
- Social Fridays - Fun social activities with friends that include game nights, movie nights, and art projects; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 the City's unhoused population, especially the most vulnerable ones, is of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, at the June 28, 2024, Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations For Everyone) funding in the amount of \$25,000 to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Miami Beach Project SAFE(Safe Accommodations For Everyone) 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; and

WHEREAS, this vital program provides access to safe and supportive shelter through housing partners or the pilot Host Home Program, which pairs young people with caring individuals willing to open their homes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to secure housing, Project SAFE offers comprehensive care coordination to address the unique needs of each individual, from referrals for HIV testing and substance abuse treatment to transportation assistance, emergency meals, and family support; and

WHEREAS, participants also enjoy access to safe and affirming programming, including warm showers, laundry facilities, and ongoing advocacy with service providers to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, project SAFE is not only a vital resource for young people in need, but it also works to increase LGBTQIA+ knowledge among social service agencies, offering cultural competency training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, at the July 10, 2024, Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously supported the allocation of \$25,000 grant monies to Pridelines, Inc. for Pridelines Miami Beach Project SAFE (Safe Accommodations For Everyone).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life committee, made at its July 10, 2024 meeting, and allocate a grant in the total amount of \$25,000 to Pridelines, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of the state of Florida, for Pridelines Miami Beach Project safe (Safe Accommodations for Everyone); further, authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to execute the City's standard grant agreement with respect to the foregoing; and further, in view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, direct the City Administration to prioritize an allocation of a \$25,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in fiscal year 2025 and as part of the City's annual budget process each year thereafter.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *DH* 7/16/2024 Date