

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S FY 2019 ACTION PLAN, TO INCLUDE THE AVAILABILITY AND PLANNED USES OF \$1,553,629 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDING TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO: (1) EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF THESE PROGRAM FUNDS; (2) SUBMIT THE REQUISITE REVISED ACTION PLAN; AND (3) EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH SUB-RECIPIENTS OF CDBG-CV FUNDS; AND, FURTHER, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS OCTOBER 23, 2020 MEETING, TO MAINTAIN AN ONGOING ONLINE APPLICATION REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR RESIDENTS SEEKING RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITY ASSISTANCE, SO AS TO ENSURE THE TIMELY EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, FROM ANY SOURCE, WHICH BECOME AVAILABLE FOR THESE PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City is an entitlement recipient of Federal funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formula grant programs as follows: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; and

WHEREAS, as an entitlement community, the City automatically qualifies for an annual allocation of federal funding under HUD's grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the *One-Year Action Plan* for Federal funds is a requirement under the HUD formula grant programs, including the CDBG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, HUD sent a letter to the City notifying of a special allocation of CDBG funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, this allocation was authorized by the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act), which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of the public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act made available to the City \$564,276.00 in CDBG Coronavirus funds (CDBG-CV); this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, the Administration amended the *2018-2022 Consolidated Plan* and *2019 Action Plan* to enable the City to receive and administer these new funds; and

WHEREAS, a remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the CARES Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, HUD sent a letter notifying the City of the allocation of the third round of CDBG-CV funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) in the amount of \$1,553,629; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is amending the *2019 Action Plan* to enable the City to receive and administer these new funds; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG-CV recommendations are incorporated into the amended FY 2019 *One-Year Action Plan* as follows: \$310,725 for rent, mortgage and utility assistance under public services (15% cap has been waived); and \$900,000.00 for small business assistance under community development; and \$310,725.80 for administrative allowance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable waiver made available through the CARES Act, the City will advertise a Notice of a 5-day Public Comment Period for a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, public comments received will be included in the submission of the action Plan to HUD for final review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is the HUD-designated agent for all formula grants, and executes the grant applications, agreements, and other applicable HUD documents on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2020, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee discussed a related item, entitled "Discussion Regarding the Progress Made on the \$330,000 Appropriated from the City's General Reserves Allocated to Support Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Programs", and, given the urgent need for this type of assistance, the Committee recommended that the Administration open and maintain, through the end of this year, an online registration process for eligible Miami Beach residents seeking rent, mortgage and utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends maintaining the online application process available through and including December 29, 2020, in order to ensure the timely expenditure of funds, from any source (federal or non-federal), which become available for rent, mortgage and utility assistance.

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 approve a substantial amendment to the City's FY 2019 Action Plan, to include the availability and planned use of \$1,553,629 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus; and, authorize the City Manager to: (1) execute all applicable documents related to the appropriation and allocation of these program funds; (2) submit the requisite revised Action Plan; and (3) to execute agreements with sub-recipients of CDBG-CV funds; and, further, accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee's recommendation, at its October 23, 2020 meeting, to maintain an ongoing online application registration process for residents seeking rent, mortgage or utility assistance, so as to ensure the timely expenditure of funds, from any source, which become available for these purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



John H. Rotter
City Attorney

10/26/2020

Date