

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2020

SUBJECT: **A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Their Designee(s) to Apply for and Accept Disaster Funding**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution.

ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206), local government expenses incurred in connection with emergency protective measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic at the guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program.

The City of Miami Beach is seeking reimbursement from FEMA through the State of Florida for expenditures incurred for COVID-19 response. The activities to which these expenditures were attributed include overtime labor costs due to additional assignments; purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline staff, hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. The City is also seeking funding through the Miami-Dade County Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), as the County's Office of Management and Budget administers the sub-award disbursements. The CRF funds cover expenditures that are not covered under FEMA Public Assistance.

In order to obtain financial assistance from the United States Government, State of Florida, and Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami Beach must enter into agreements and execute required documents as part of the process.

This resolution is simply a formality that expedites the process for the acceptance and remittance of any approved funding through FEMA PA. Staff in the Finance Department and the Division of Emergency Management are dedicated to carrying out this process in the most efficient manner.

RECOMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the City Commission approve and authorize the City Manager, or their designees, to apply for and accept funding, and execute any and all necessary documents or agreements, in connection with financial, disaster relief and recovery assistance funds related to expenses incurred due to COVID-19 response activities.

C: Executive Staff
Management Team

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