

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROPRIATING FUNDING, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING (AND, AS TO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING) THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING (INCLUDING MATCHING FUNDS AND FOR ANY RELATED CITY EXPENSES), AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING GRANTS, PROGRAMS AND AGREEMENTS: 1) MIAMI-DADE COUNTY NEAT STREETS MIAMI, STREET TREE MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$40,000; 2) UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL FACILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$10,000; AND, 3) CITIES OF SERVICES, ENGAGED CITIES AWARD PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration requests approval to submit a grant application to Miami-Dade County Neat Streets Miami, Street Tree Matching Grants Program, in the approximate amount of \$40,000, for the City's Reforestation Project, the details of which are as follows:

- Neat Streets Miami is a Miami-Dade County Program dedicated to the maintenance and beautification of transportation gateways, corridors and connections.
- The Program provides funding for reforestation efforts taking place in Miami-Dade County.
- The Street Tree Matching grant program is now in its fourth year of the "Million Tree Miami" program, which has a goal of planting one million trees by 2020, to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy for Miami-Dade County.
- The grant Program is funded by Miami-Dade County and provides funding to municipalities, non-profits, and community organizations to plant native or Florida-friendly trees on the County's corridors and gateways.
- The goal of this Program is to encourage investments in County and local streets.
- The City Administration is applying for funding in the amount of \$40,000 for trees for the North Beach and Middle Beach areas.

- This grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$40,000 and funding is available in the Environment and Sustainability's Reforestation account, #011-0830-000312-21-402-515-00-00-00.
- This Project supports the key intended outcome to revitalize key neighborhoods, starting with North Beach and Ocean Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration requests approval to submit a grant application to the United States Tennis Association (USTA), National Facility Assistance grant program, in the approximate amount of \$10,000, for funds to improve the City's tennis courts at the Miami Beach Tennis Center, the details of which are as follows:

- The USTA Foundation awards grants to programs that support under-resourced youth through tennis and education programs designed to improve health, build character, and strive for academic excellence.
- The USTA Foundation strives to bring tennis and education together to change lives, stating that studies have shown that youth who play tennis are healthier, less prone to risky behaviors, and are also less likely to be overweight or at-risk for being overweight.
- The City intends to apply to the USTA Foundation to resurface and upgrade the two hard surface tennis courts at the Miami Beach Tennis Center, which are used by the Miami Beach Tennis Academy for children's tennis programming.
- The courts are in need of repairs and resurfacing and the program would benefit from the addition of blended lines.
- The goal is to expand current programming and court capacity and to improve training for younger players.
- The City Administration intends to request funding in the approximate amount of \$10,000 to resurface and upgrade the two hard surface tennis courts at the Miami Beach Tennis Center.
- This grant requires matching funds and the City's Parks and Recreation Department has \$10,000 available to contribute towards the project in account 011-0950-000349-28-406-545-00-00-00-. The total cost of the project is \$20,000.
- This project supports the key intended outcome to maximize the Miami Beach brand as a world class destination; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration requests approval to submit a grant application to Cities of Service Engaged Cities Award, in the approximate amount of \$100,000, the details of which are as follows:

- The Engaged Cities Award is a recognition program, designed to elevate tested solutions that have been shown to successfully address public problems through citizen engagement.
- Cities of Service helps Mayors and City leaders tap into the knowledge, creativity, and service of citizens to solve public problems and create vibrant cities.
- The Cities of Service program works with cities to build city-led, citizen-powered initiatives that target specific needs, achieve long-term and measurable outcomes, improve quality of life, and build stronger cities.
- Prize money can be used at the discretion of the winning cities to support their efforts to engage citizens to solve critical public problem.
- The City is submitting two projects for this award. They are as follows:

(1) City of Miami Beach #PlasticFreeMB Campaign

Plastic pollution is a global issue that has grown exponentially since the introduction of single-use plastics. Over 8 million metric tons of plastics end up in the ocean annually and 100 million marine animals are killed every year due to plastic debris. Single-use plastics are not biodegradable and can live within the environment for hundreds of years. Approximately 8,000 pounds of litter are removed from local beaches on a daily basis and thousands more pounds are removed annually from Miami Beach waterways, parks, and other public areas. At the recommendation of the citizen-driven Sustainability Committee, the City launched the #PlasticFreeMB campaign. Its goal is to engage the community in eco-conscious decision-making and to incentivize and celebrate businesses that have already acted to reduce single-use plastics. Results have already shown significant behavioral change since the launch of the program and adoption of City Ordinances.

(2) Miami Beach General Obligation Bond 2018 Process

Miami Beach faces challenges of sea level rise and other impacts from climate change. Funding is needed to address the City's Resiliency Program and for infrastructure improvements to maintain or increase property values and retain the world class tourism industry. The City Commission, City Administration and City Boards and Committees worked jointly with the Mayor's G.O. Bond Advisory Panel, Homeowner Associations, businesses and residents to propose a General Obligation Bond Program. The ballot questions were very successful and ultimately received the support of an overwhelming majority of Miami Beach voters.

- The Administration is proposing both projects for the Cities of Service Engaged Cities Award.
- Winners of the award will each be presented with a minimum of \$50,000 each.

- Matching funds are not required and both projects support the key intended outcome to maximize the Miami Beach brand as a world class destination.

**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 appropriate funding, and approve and authorize (and, as to certain agreements, retroactively approve and authorize) the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept funding (including matching funds and for any related City expenses), and to execute any and all documents or agreements in connection with the following grants, programs and agreements: 1) Miami-Dade County Neat Streets Miami, Street Tree Matching Grants Program, in the approximate amount of \$40,000; 2) United States Tennis Association, National Facility Assistance Grant Program, in the approximate amount of \$10,000; and, 3) Cities Of Services, Engaged Cities Award Program, in the approximate amount of \$100,000.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

2-4-19  
City Attorney 

2-4-19  
Date