

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS MAY 24, 2023 MEETING, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO (1) ESTABLISH A RENTAL APPLICATION FEE REIMBURSEMENT PILOT PROGRAM; AND (2) ALLOCATE FY 2022 HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, TO FUND THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH SUB-RECIPIENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City is an entitlement recipient of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and HOME Investment Partnership programs (HOME), and the City expects to continue to receive entitlement funds from these grant programs to operate the City's housing and community development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2021, the City received notification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that the City was awarded \$2,245,387.00 in HOME-American Rescue Plan ("HOME-ARP") funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission approved a substantial amendment to the City's FY 2021 One-Year Action Plan, to include the HOME-ARP funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2022, the City executed an agreement with HUD for the purpose of conducting homelessness assistance and supportive services program with federal financial assistance under the HOME-ARP Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 26, 2022, Commissioner Fernandez made a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to explore an ordinance that would establish a universal rental application fee program; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2023, FERC directed the Administration to provide details on a pilot program that will provide a reimbursement to households for 80% of the cost of their rental application fee not to exceed \$500 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, households must be at or below 80% of Area Median Income ("AMI"); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2023, FERC recommended the allocation of \$50,000.00 in HOME-ARP funds for the establishment of a universal Rental Application Fee Reimbursement Pilot Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its May 24, 2023 meeting, and approve and authorize the City Manager to (1) establish a Rental Application Fee Reimbursement Pilot Program; and (2) allocate FY 2022 HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds, in the amount of \$50,000.00, to fund the Pilot Program; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute agreements with sub-recipients.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST:

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DAN GELBER, MAYOR

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RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
City Attorney

6-5-23  
Date