

**Condensed Title:**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept two (2) grants and one (1) federal appropriation; and to execute one Local Agency Program Agreement, and all the documents related to these grants and to the agreement.

**Key Intended Outcome Supported:**

1) and 2) Increase resident rating of public safety services; 3) Increase resident rating of public safety and improve processes through information technology; and, 4) enhance mobility throughout the city.

**Supporting Data – 2007 Survey:** 1) , 2) and 3) Safety (crime, police) was rated as the number one change that would make Miami Beach a better place to live, work, play or visit; and 78% of residents rated overall quality of City Police as excellent or good; 4) 75% of residents felt that the traffic flow where they drive in Miami Beach was either fair or poor; and 53% of the residents felt that the condition of their roads was either fair or poor.

**Issue:** Shall the City support the following funding requests and execute the related agreements?

**Item Summary/Recommendation:** Approval to: 1) submit a grant application to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Cold Cases through DNA program, for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a homicide cold case DNA initiative team; 2) submit a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the city's domestic violence program; 3) submit an investment justification to the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS) emergency operations center program, for funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000 previously awarded through a legislative appropriation for the city's technology needs; and, 4) approve the execution of a Local Agency Program agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge project; further appropriating the above grants, legislative appropriation and local agency program agreement and matching funds, if approved and accepted by the city; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to the grants and agreement by the city manager or his designee.

**Advisory Board Recommendation:** N/A

**Financial Information:**

Source of funds:	#	Grant Name/Project	Match Amount	Match Source
	1	NIJ/DNA Program	N/A	No match required
	2	VOCA/Domestic Violence	\$20,000	Police Department Budget
	3	DHS/Technology	\$250,000	Information Technology funds previously appropriated for CAD/RMS and in-kind salaries
	4	FDOT/West Avenue Bridge	N/A	No match required

**Financial Impact Summary:**

**City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:**

Just Hoanshelt, Grants Manager, Office of Budget and Performance Improvement

**Sign-Offs:**

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager

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# MIAMI BEACH

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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 25, 2009

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO: 1) SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, SOLVING COLD CASES THROUGH DNA PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR A HOMICIDE COLD CASE DNA INITIATIVE TEAM; 2) SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE CITY'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM; 3) SUBMIT AN INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 PREVIOUSLY AWARDED THROUGH A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY'S TECHNOLOGY NEEDS; AND, 4) APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 FOR THE WEST AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT; FURTHER APPROPRIATING THE ABOVE GRANTS, LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT, IF APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANTS AND AGREEMENT BY THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE.**

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

### ANALYSIS

1. Retroactive approval for the City Manager or his designee to submit an application to the National Institute of Justice, Solving Cold Cases Through DNA Program, for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a homicide cold case DNA initiative team

The purpose and intent of this application for grant funding is to aid the Miami Beach Police Department in the investigation of the department's 106 unsolved homicide cold cases and to solve these crimes. Due to the fact that many of the City's cases of unsolved homicides are decades old, DNA represents the best avenue of pursuing these cold cases where investigative leads have been exhausted and have a diminishing probability of being solved as time goes on.

The program provides funds to allow for the review of case files and evidence by the cold case team and for the testing of samples of DNA evidence from the cold case backlog of homicides that may provide DNA evidence that can then be analyzed.

The grant, if awarded, will primarily provide funding to cover salaries for existing full-time city homicide detectives to work, on an overtime basis, on solving the backlog of homicides. No new employees will be hired.

This grant does not require matching funds. This project supports the key intended outcome: Increase resident rating of public safety services

2. Approval to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to the Office of Attorney General for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for funding for the City's Domestic Violence program.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was enacted in 1984 to provide federal funding to assist state, local and private nonprofit agencies to provide direct services to crime victims. The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs provides funds to support the provision of services to victims of crime.

The Miami Beach Police Department currently receives VOCA grant funds to assist in funding the department's Domestic Violence Unit. In submitting this grant application, the Police Department seeks to continue funding of the Domestic Violence Unit.

The Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit serves as a catalyst for victims of crime and their families to receive effective legal and social intervention services. The Unit has formed a unique collaborative partnership with the Dade County Bar Association, Legal Aid Society, Safe Space, and Domestic Violence Intake Unit of Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

A 20% match is required of this grant, matching funds in the amount of \$20,000 will be provided by the City from the Police Department operating budget. Grant funding provides partial funding for salaries in the city's Domestic Violence unit. This is a recurring grant.

This project supports the key intended outcome: increase resident rating of public safety services.

3. Approval to submit an Investment Justification to the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center program, for funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, previously awarded through a legislative appropriation, for the city's technology needs

The City has secured federal funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from a legislative appropriation included in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. Funding from this project will continue the Administration's investment in enhancing the interoperability and communication aspects of the city's homeland security initiatives.

The grant funds will be used towards technology needs, including, but not limited to a radio microwave link for remote control of radio base stations and links between infrastructure components and other communication assets.

This funding requires a 25% cash or in-kind match. Matching funds in amount of \$250,000 will be in the form of cash (Information Technology funds previously appropriated for CAD/RMS), and an in-kind match (city salaries related to this project). This project supports the key intended outcome: improve processes through information technology.

4. Approval to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge Project

The Administration requests approval to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge Project. The project will abate traffic congestion at intersections on Alton Road and Dade Boulevard.

The agreement does not require matching funds. This project supports the key intended outcomes: enhance mobility throughout the city.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration requests approval to authorize the City Manager or his designee to: 1) submit a grant application to the National Institute of Justice, Solving Cold Cases Through DNA Program, for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a homicide cold case DNA initiative team; 2) submit a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General, Victims of Crime Act program, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the city's domestic violence program; 3) submit an Investment Justification to the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center program, for funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, previously awarded through a legislative appropriation, for the city's technology needs and, 4) approve the execution of a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement with Florida Department of Transportation, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge project; further appropriating the above grants, and local agency program agreement funds, if approved and accepted by the city; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to the grants and agreement by the city manager or his designee.

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE: 1) RETROACTIVELY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, SOLVING COLD CASES THROUGH DNA PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR A HOMICIDE COLD CASE DNA INITIATIVE TEAM; 2) TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FOR THE CITY'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM; 3) TO SUBMIT AN INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 PREVIOUSLY AWARDED THROUGH A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY'S TECHNOLOGY NEEDS; AND, 4) TO APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM (LAP) AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 FOR THE WEST AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT; FURTHER APPROPRIATING THE ABOVE GRANTS, LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT, IF APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANTS AND AGREEMENT BY THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose and intent of the City's application for funding from the National Institute of Justice is to aid the Miami Beach Police Department in the investigation of the Department's unsolved homicide cold cases; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the fact that many of the City's cases of unsolved homicides are decades old, DNA represents the best avenue of pursuing these cold cases where investigative leads have been exhausted and have a diminishing probability of being solved as time goes on; and

**WHEREAS**, the program provides funds to allow for the review of case files and evidence by the cold case team and for the testing of samples of DNA evidence from the cold case backlog of homicides that may provide DNA evidence that can then be analyzed; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant, if awarded, will primarily provide funding to cover salaries for existing full-time City homicide detectives to work, on an overtime basis, on solving the backlog of homicides, and no new employees will be hired; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant does not require matching funds, and the project supports the key intended outcome: Increase resident rating of public safety services; and

**WHEREAS**, retroactive approval is requested for the City Manager or his designee to submit an application to the National Institute of Justice, Solving Cold Cases through DNA Program, for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a homicide cold case DNA initiative team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was enacted in 1984 to provide federal funding to assist state, local and private nonprofit agencies to provide direct services to crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Police Department currently receives VOCA grant funds to assist in funding the Department's Domestic Violence Unit; in submitting this grant application, the Police Department seeks to continue funding of the Domestic Violence Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit serves as a catalyst for victims of crime and their families to receive effective legal and social intervention services; and

**WHEREAS**, a 20% match is required of this grant and matching funds in the amount of \$20,000 will be provided by the City from the Police Department operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, this project supports the key intended outcome: increase resident rating of public safety services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration requests approval to submit a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to the Office of Attorney General for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for funding for the City's Domestic Violence Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has secured federal funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from a legislative appropriation included in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill to continue the Administration's investment in enhancing the interoperability and communication aspects of the City's homeland security initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funds will be used towards technology needs, including, but not limited to a radio microwave link for remote control of radio base stations and links between infrastructure components and other communication assets; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding requires a 25% cash or in-kind match, and matching funds in amount of \$250,000 will be in the form of cash (Information Technology funds previously appropriated for CAD/RMS), and an in-kind match (City salaries related to this project); and

**WHEREAS**, this project supports the key intended outcome: improve processes through information technology; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is requested to submit an Investment Justification to the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center program, for funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, previously awarded through a legislative appropriation, for the City's technology needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager requests approval to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement does not require matching funds and the project supports the key intended outcomes: enhance mobility throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, approval to execute a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH** hereby approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee: 1) retroactively to submit a grant application to the National Institute of Justice, Solving Cold Cases through DNA Program, for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for a homicide cold case DNA initiative team; 2) to submit a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General, Victims of Crime Act Program, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the City's Domestic Violence Program; 3) to submit an Investment Justification to the Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Operations Center Program, for funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, previously awarded through a legislative appropriation, for the City's technology needs and, 4) to approve the execution of a Local Agency Program (LAP) Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the West Avenue Bridge Project; further appropriating the above grants, agreement, if approved and accepted by the City; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to the grants and agreement by the City Manager or his designee.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

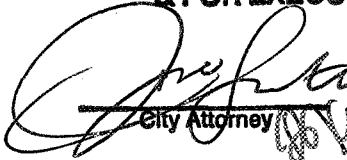
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**MAYOR**

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& FOR EXECUTION**

  
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City Attorney 2/19/09  
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