Condensed Title:

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds from seven (7) programs and execute all the documents related to these grants.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

1), 2), 6) and 7) Ensure well-maintained infrastructure and enhance mobility throughout the city; 3) Increase access to workforce or affordable housing; 4) Reduce the number of homeless; 5) Increase resident ratings of public safety services;

Supporting Data – 2007 Survey: 1), 2), 6) and 7) conditions of roads and sidewalks are key negative drivers for residents or businesses for value of city services for tax dollars paid; 38% of residents and 39% of businesses rate traffic flow as poor, it is a key negative driver for resident perception of Miami Beach as a place to live and whether the city is better or worse than a few years ago; storm drainage remains a concern with 26% of residents and 39% of businesses rating as poor and a key negative driver of resident perceptions regarding value of city services for tax dollars paid; the federal standard for bridge repair is usually based on a sufficiency rating of close to 50 and the recommended bridges for funding have sufficiency ratings close to 50 out of a possible 100; 3) and 4) Residents stated that the most important area for the city to spend tax dollars is in housing and 72% of residents identified housing for elderly/seniors and less than $50,000 income as the primary areas; and 68% of residents and 72% of businesses stated that the city's ability to address homelessness was either fair or poor; 5) Safety (crime, police) was rated as the number one change that would make Miami Beach a better place to live, work, play or visit; although 78% of residents rated overall quality of City Police as excellent or good.

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

Item Summary/Recommendation: Approval to submit the following American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 applications as necessary: 1) Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Highway Infrastructure Investment Funds for the city's right-of-way and bridges projects in the amount of $2,128,921; 2) Federal Transit Administration funds for city transit projects in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000; 3) US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds for Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of $467,896; 4) HUD funds for homelessness prevention in the amount of $715,418; 5) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program for funding in the amount of $473,477 for the city's public safety programs; 6) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects in an amount not to exceed $55,000,000; 7) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Non Point Source Program in an amount not to exceed $33,000,000, for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects; further appropriating the above funds, if approved and accepted by the City; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to these applications. In addition to the programs listed above, the Administration intends to apply for funding to all programs for which the city is eligible. The following funds and grant guidelines are anticipated to be released in the upcoming months and will be considered for applications; Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in an estimated amount of $800,000 for city energy conservation projects; Grants for Victims of Violence Against Women; Weatherization Assistance Program funds; State Energy Program grants; Economic Development Assistance grants; Community Oriented Policing grants; Internet Crimes against Children grants; Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds; Lead Hazard Reduction Program funds; State and Tribal Assistance grants for leaking underground storage tanks; National Endowment for the Arts funds; South Florida Water Management District funding.

Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A

Financial Information:

Source of funds	#	Grant Name/Project	Match Amount	Match Source
		Various Grants	No match	N/A

Financial Impact Summary:

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

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

Sign-Offs:

Department Director	Assistant City Manager	City Manager
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AGENDA ITEM C7A

DATE 3-18-09

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City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33139, www.miamibeachfl.gov

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: March 18, 2009

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING AS NECESSARY: 1) FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AND BRIDGES PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,128,921; 2) FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR CITY TRANSIT PROJECTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,900,000; 3) US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $467,896; 4) US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $715,418; 5) BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $473,477 FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS; 6)STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER AND STORMWATER PROJECTS, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $55,000,000; 7) STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, NON POINT SOURCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER AND STORMWATER PROJECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $33,000,000; FURTHER APPROPRIATING THE ABOVE FUNDS, IF APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE APPLICATIONS.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

ANALYSIS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and save jobs, jumpstart the economy, and lay the foundation for a robust and sustainable 21st century economy. The Act includes measures to modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, expand educational opportunities, increase access to health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

Federal Stimulus funds are being distributed through existing funding programs through the following three categories:

1. Funds allocated as formula grants directly to local or regional entities;
2. Funds allocated to the states for discretionary pass-through or competitive grants;
3. Funds to be distributed at the Federal level through a grant competitive process.

The Administration has acted quickly to apply for funding as announcements are made by the different federal agencies and departments. Funding announcements and guidelines will continue to be released over the next few months, and the Administration will continue to pursue additional programs under the Recovery Act. At this time, the Administration has identified and is in the process of applying for the following Recovery Act funds:

1. Highway Infrastructure Investment in the amount of $2,128,921

These are Department of Transportation funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process. The MPO Board decided to award their $56 million allocation based on population. The City was provided one day to submit full information on which projects the funds will be used for. These funds will provide bridge repairs on Henedon, Sunset 1, and Sunset 2 bridges, as well as milling and resurfacing on Indian Creek Drive and Dickens Avenue. The federal standard for bridge repair is usually based on a sufficiency rating of close to 50. The recommended bridges for funding have sufficiency ratings close to 50 out of a possible 100.

2. Transit in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000

Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration funds were allocated through Miami Dade County and the MPO process. 20% of the transit funds are to be distributed to the municipalities. The Administration estimates that the allocation will be in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000 based on a population distribution.

3. Community Development Block Grants in the amount of $467,896

US Department of Housing and Urban Development funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). CDBG funding will be distributed using the existing statutory formula. The CDBG program provides funds to create suitable living environments, provide decent affordable housing, and create economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income.

4. Homelessness Prevention Funds in the amount of $715,418

US Department of Housing and Urban Development funds through the Homelessness Prevention Fund. HUD's Homelessness Prevention fund will provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

5. Byrne Justice Assistance Grants in the amount of $473,477

US Department of Justice funds through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice and criminal justice-related research.

6. State and Tribal Assistance Grants: State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds in an amount not to exceed $55,000,000

Funding is provided to the state in the form of capitalization grants for the State's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF). At this time, Recovery Act funds will be sub-allocated to municipalities by the state using existing SRF guidelines. The Administration will continue all efforts to access drinking water and stormwater project funds through these programs; however, these program are weighted heavily in favor of small cities (less than 10,000), and communities with documented acute public health risks. Short of a solution by the Florida Legislature, and that body's budgetary authority, it is unlikely the City will receive funds.

7. Sate and Tribal Assistance Grants: 319 Non Point Source Grant Program in an amount not to exceed $33,000,000

The City has also submitted stormwater infrastructure projects to the 319 Non Point Source grant program, which will also receive a limited amount of Recovery Act funds.

In addition to the programs listed above, the Administration intends to apply for funding to all programs for which the city is eligible. The following funds and grant guidelines are anticipated to be released in the upcoming months and will be considered for applications:

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – The city's estimated allocation for this program is approximately $800,000, to be used for city energy conservation projects
- Victims of Violence Against Women Grants – The state must suballocate a portion of the funds; the state's distribution process and method has not yet been announced.
- Weatherization Assistance Program – Intended for energy efficiency improvement in low income housing. These funds are provided to the states, but are intended to be suballocates to local agencies. Funds are intended to reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety.
- State Energy Program – Funds are used to address energy priorities to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The state will fund ongoing initiatives, in addition to state and local utilities.
- Economic Development Assistance (EDA) Grants - EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the world economy.
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) - COPS is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.
- Internet Crimes Against Children - Funds help state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program - Neighborhood Stabilization Program will provide emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities.

- Lead Hazard Reduction Program – Funds address housing-related health hazards
- State and Tribal Assistance Grants -These include funds for Brownfields, diesel emissions and leaking underground storage tanks.
- National Endowment for the Arts - The state will receive a formula grant, a portion of which will be suballocated.
- South Florida Water Management District - Funds to help with water savings programs.

The Administration continues to monitor daily the grant announcements for each of the following programs, and is already working to determine the City's eligibility for participation in each of these programs, in preparation of the official agency notice.

Conclusion

The Administration requests approval to authorize the City Manager or his designee approval to submit the following American Recovery and Reinvestment Act applications for funding as necessary: 1) Florida Department of Transportation Highway Infrastructure Investment Funds for the city's right-of-way and bridges projects in the amount of $2,128,921; 2) Florida Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration funds for city transit projects, in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000; 3) US Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of $467,896; 4) US Department of Housing and Urban Development for homelessness prevention funds in the amount of $715,418; 5) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, for funding in the amount of $473,477 for the city's public safety programs; 6) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects, in an amount not to exceed $55,000,000; 7) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Non Point Source Program in an amount not to exceed $33,000,000 for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects; further appropriating the above funds, if approved and accepted by the City; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to these applications.

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RESOLUTION NO._____

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WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009 with the purpose of creating and saving jobs, jumpstarting the economy, and laying the foundation for a robust and sustainable 21st century economy; and

WHEREAS, the Act includes measures to modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, expand educational opportunities, increase access to health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need; and

WHEREAS, Recover Act funds are being distributed through existing funding programs through the following three categories: funds allocated as formula grants directly to local or regional entities; funds allocated to the states for discretionary pass-through or competitive grants; funds to be distributed at the Federal level through a grant competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has acted quickly to apply for funding as announcements are made by the different federal agencies and departments, and funding announcements and guidelines will continue to be released over the next few months; and

WHEREAS, the Administration will continue to pursue additional programs under the Recovery Act as funding and guidelines are released; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Administration has identified and is in the process of applying for the following Recovery Act funds:

1. Highway Infrastructure Investment in the amount of $2,128,921 - Department of Transportation funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) process for bridge repairs on Henedon, Sunset 1, and Sunset 2 bridges, as well as milling and resurfacing on Indian Creek Drive and Dickens Avenue.

2. Transit in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000 - Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration funds for the City's transit projects.

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   US Department of Housing and Urban Development funds have been announced through the Homelessness Prevention Fund to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

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WHEREAS, in addition to the programs listed above, the Administration intends to apply for funding to all programs for which the city is eligible; and

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WHEREAS, the Administration continues to monitor daily the grant announcements for each of the following programs, and is already working to determine the City's eligibility for participation in each of these programs, in preparation of the official agency notice; and

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 to submit the following American Recovery and Reinvestment Act applications for funding as necessary: 1) Florida Department of Transportation Highway Infrastructure Investment Funds for the city's right-of-way and bridges projects in the amount of $2,128,921; 2) Florida Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration funds for city transit projects, in an amount not to exceed $1,900,000; 3) US Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of $467,896; 4) US Department of Housing and Urban Development for homelessness prevention funds in the amount of $715,418; 5) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, for funding in the amount of $473,477 for the city's public safety programs; 6) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects, in an amount not to exceed $55,000,000; 7) State and Tribal Assistance Grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Non Point Source Program in an amount not to exceed $33,000,000 for the city's drinking water and stormwater projects; further appropriating the above funds, if approved and accepted by the City; and authorizing the execution of all necessary documents related to these applications.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

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