

Condensed Title:

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept three (3) grants.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

1) Maintain crime rates at or below national trends; 2) enhance learning opportunities for youth and maintain crime rates at or below national trends; 3) Increase visibility of Police and maintain crime rates at or below national trends.

Supporting Data:

2009 Community Survey: 1) and 3) Business and resident respondents rated "Preventing Crime" as the most important areas for the City of Miami Beach to address in an effort to improve public safety throughout the City; 2) Nearly two-fifths of all residential respondents surveyed, 37.3%, feel the "18 years of age and under" demographic should benefit most from limited resources during tough economic times; safety across the City (preventing crime, drugs, gangs) appeared as one of the most important areas affecting resident's quality of life, the Department of Justice Mentoring Program aims at encouraging youth to stay in school and out of the juvenile justice system.

Issue:

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

Item Summary/Recommendation:

The Administration requests approval to submit the following grant applications: 1) Office of the Attorney General for funding from the Victims of Crime Act program in the approximate amount of \$60,000; 2) U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 over three years for the Mentoring Youth with Disabilities Program; and, 3) US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Cops Hiring Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years for the hiring of additional career Law Enforcement Officers; appropriating the above grants and matching funds, as necessary, if approved and accepted by the City, and authorizing the execution of all documents related to these applications.

Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A

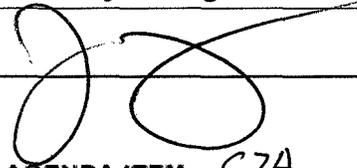
Financial Information:

Source of funds	#	Grant Name/Project	Approximate Grant Amount	Match Amount/Source
	1	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)/ Police Domestic Violence Unit	\$60,000	Required grant match is approx. \$15,000/ However, the City will contribute approximately \$41,104 to this grant to cover the remaining portion of the salary. Source: Police Confiscations, Law Enforcement Trust Fund (to be appropriated).
	2	US Department of Justice/Mentoring Youth with Disabilities	\$300,000 over 3 years	N/A – No match required.
	3	US Department of Justice/COPS Hiring Program	\$1,500,000 over 3 years	N/A – No match required. At the conclusion of federal funding, these positions must be maintained for a minimum of one year (12 months), which is estimated to be September 30, 2015.

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
		





COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: May 11, 2011

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO: 1) OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FUNDING FROM THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT PROGRAM IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$60,000; 2) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 OVER THREE YEARS, FOR THE MENTORING YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM; AND, 3) US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS), COPS HIRING PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 OVER THREE YEARS FOR THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; APPROPRIATING THE ABOVE GRANTS, AND MATCHING FUNDS, AS NECESSARY, IF APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE APPLICATIONS**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

ANALYSIS

1. Approval to submit a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Application for funding in the approximate amount of \$60,000 for the City's Domestic Violence Program

The Administration plans to apply for funding for the Police Department's Domestic Violence Program. Funds for this grant are available from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Victims of Crime Act program.

This grant will partially cover the salary of one Victim's Advocate position in the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit (approximately 59% of the Victim's Advocate salary and benefits). The Police Department will provide the remaining balance of the salary from the Confiscation, Law Enforcement Trust Fund. This will also exceed the required 25% match required by the funding agency

This project supports the following key intended outcomes: maintain crime rates at or below national trends.

2. Approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 over three years from the Mentoring Youth With Disabilities Program;

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has funding available for community mentoring partnerships that target youth with disability-related challenges that heighten their risk for delinquency. This initiative builds upon the foundation of evidence-based practices for effective mentoring and encourages communities to implement and enhance mentoring programs for youth with disabilities. Youth with disabilities are more likely than their non-disabled peers to drop out or to be "pushed out" of school and are less likely to attend or finish college. The program also aims to encourage youth to stay out of the juvenile justice system.

The Administration intends to apply for funding in the amount of \$100,000 per year, for three years for this program; the total application will be for \$300,000 over three years. The program will match at-risk sixth, seventh and eighth graders in the City of Miami Beach who have been diagnosed with a specific learning disability with adult mentors. The program utilizes research-proven strategies from the *Elements of Effective Practice* to prevent these youth from involvement with the juvenile justice system. The City plans to partner with Barry University and the Institute for Child & Family Health. Funding will be requested for training, materials and a program coordinator.

This grant does not require matching funds. This project supports the key intended outcomes: enhance learning opportunities for youth and maintain crime rates at or below national trends.

3. Approval to submit an application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Cops Hiring Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years for the hiring of additional career Law Enforcement Officers

The US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program, COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. CHP provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to impact their community policing capacity and problem solving efforts.

The grant provides 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date, as a result of local budget cuts.

There is no local match requirement or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested per officer position, but CHP grant funding will be based on your agency's current entry-level salary and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the grantee agency. Requests are capped at no more than 5% of the agency's actual sworn force strength reported in their application, up to a maximum of 50 officers.

At the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of one year (12 months), estimated to be September 30, 2015). The retained CHP-funded position(s) should be added to the grantee's law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant. These positions will be maintained in a separate grant-funded account.

The Administration proposes applying for this grant to fund five (5) positions. Funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years will be requested for salaries and benefits. This program supports the key intended outcomes: increase visibility of police and maintain crime rates at or below national trends.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Administration requests approval to submit the following grant applications to: 1) Office of the Attorney General for funding from the Victims Of Crime Act Program In the approximate amount of \$60,000; 2) U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 over three years, for the Mentoring Youth with Disabilities Program; and, 3) US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Cops Hiring Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years for the hiring of additional career Law Enforcement Officers; appropriating the above grants and matching funds, as necessary, if approved and accepted by the City, and authorizing the execution of all documents related to these applications.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO: 1) OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FUNDING FROM THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT PROGRAM IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$60,000; 2) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 OVER THREE YEARS, FOR THE MENTORING YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM; AND, 3) US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS), COPS HIRING PROGRAM FOR FUNDING IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 OVER THREE YEARS FOR THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; APPROPRIATING THE ABOVE GRANTS, AND MATCHING FUNDS, AS NECESSARY, IF APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Administration plans to apply for funding for the Police Department's Domestic Violence program and funds for this grant are available from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Victims of Crime Act program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will cover approximately 59% of the salary and benefits of one Victim's Advocate position in the Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department will provide the remaining balance of the salary from the Confiscation, Law Enforcement Trust Fund, this will exceed the required 25% match required by the funding agency; and

WHEREAS, this project supports the following key intended outcomes: maintain crime rates at or below national trends; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested to submit a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) application for funding in the approximate amount of \$60,000 for the City's Domestic Violence Program is requested; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has funding available for community mentoring partnerships that target youth with disability-related challenges that heighten their risk for delinquency; and

WHEREAS, this initiative encourages communities to implement and enhance mentoring programs for youth with disabilities and integrate best practices to recruit, train, and support mentors; and

WHEREAS, this initiative builds upon the foundation of evidence-based practices for effective mentoring and encourages communities to implement and enhance mentoring programs for youth with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Administration intends to apply for funding in the amount of \$100,000 per year, for three years for this program and the total application will be for \$300,000 over three years and the program will match at-risk sixth, seventh and eighth graders in the city of Miami Beach who have been diagnosed with a specific learning disability with adult mentors; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to partner with Barry University and the Institute for Child & Family Health; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching funds and this project supports the key intended outcomes: enhance learning opportunities for youth and maintain crime rates at or below national trends;

WHEREAS, approval is requested to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency program for funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 over three years from a Mentoring Youth with Disabilities Program; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program, COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date, as a result of local budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match requirement or cap on the amount of funding that can be requested per officer position, but CHP grant funding will be based on your agency's current entry-level salary and benefits packages; and

WHEREAS, any additional costs for higher than entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the grantee agency and requests are capped at no more than 5% of the agency's actual sworn force strength reported in their application, up to a maximum of 50 officers; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of federal funding, grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP grant for a minimum of one year (12 months), which is estimated to be September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the retained grant funded position(s) should be added to the grantee's law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Administration proposes applying for this grant to fund (5) five positions over three years and these positions will be maintained in a separate grant-funded account; and

WHEREAS, funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years will be requested for salaries and benefits; and

WHEREAS, this program supports the key intended outcomes: increase visibility of police and maintain crime rates at or below national trends.

WHEREAS, approval to submit an application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Cops Hiring Program is requested for funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 for the hiring of additional career Law Enforcement Officers.

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 grant applications to: 1) Office of the Attorney General for funding from the Victims Of Crime Act Program In the approximate amount of \$60,000; 2) U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 over three years, for the Mentoring Youth with Disabilities Program; and, 3) US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Cops Hiring Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000 over three years for the hiring of additional career Law Enforcement Officers; appropriating the above grants, and matching funds, as necessary, if approved and accepted by the City, and authorizing the execution of all documents related to these applications.

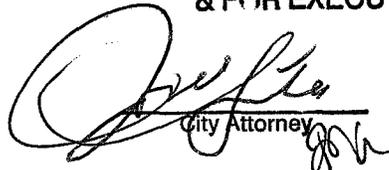
PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2011

ATTEST:

MAYOR

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**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



City Attorney

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