

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Mrs. Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff *NCW*  
Date: February 23, 2016  
Re: State of Florida Office of the Attorney General Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)  
2016-2017

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager and Interim City Attorney to submit an application, and negotiate and execute an agreement between the city of North Miami and the State of Florida Department Office of the Attorney General for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

**BACKGROUND**

The City is requesting a grant in the amount of \$73,844 with an in-kind match of \$8,840.00, a monetary match of \$9,621.00 from the general fund, and a monetary match of \$10,049.00 from the general revenue fund for a total project cost of \$102,354.00.

The city of North Miami has been a recipient of the VOCA grant for fifteen years consecutively. The grant is utilized to fund the North Miami Police Department Crisis Intervention Specialist position, as well as computer hardware. The Crisis Intervention Specialist provides crisis intervention for victims of violent crimes with a concentration on domestic violence. The grant cycle for the 2016-2017 VOCA grant is October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“City”) desires to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual battery, child abuse and child sexual abuse with funding from the State of Florida’s Office of the Attorney General; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is requesting a grant in the amount of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$73,844.00) in grant funds with a required Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$8,840.00) in-kind match, Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$9,621.00) monetary match from the general fund, and Ten Thousand Forty-Nine Dollars (\$10,049.00) monetary match from the general revenue fund from the City for a total project cost in the amount of One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$102,354.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of securing a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State of Florida’s Office of the Attorney General to fund the City’s victim advocate position, as well as computer hardware to ensure the timely and efficient completion of all reporting and referrals.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Submittal of Application.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submittal of the City of North Miami’s application for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State of Florida’s Office of the Attorney General to aid victims of domestic violence, sexual battery, child abuse and child sexual abuse.

**Section 2. Authority to Interim City Manager and Interim City Attorney.** The Interim City Manager and Interim City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General for a Victims of Crime Act grant.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme  
Councilman Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)  
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