RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR THE REVISED GREEN BUSINESS REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM BY ALLOWING DIRECT PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami (“City”) unanimously passed Resolution 2015-R-26 authorizing the creation of the Green Business Rehabilitation Grant Program (“Green Program”) which is funded through the United States Housing & Urban Development’s Community Development Block Grants (“CDBG”) economic development element pursuant to Title 24, Part 91, Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs, Code of Federal Regulations, which outlines expenditures of CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Green Program guidelines provide a matching grant of up to Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) to help small businesses “green” their operations with the intent of reducing overhead energy costs, greenhouse emissions, and promoting climate-change awareness; and

WHEREAS, last year, the program guidelines were adjusted to eliminate the 50% match and raise the cap of reimbursement to $10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to assist small businesses who could benefit from this program, but who have had difficulty coming up with the initial investment monies; and

WHEREAS, currently the Grant Program provides up to $10,000 for a 100% reimbursable match; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant guidelines provides for up to $10,000 as a grant payment with the option to pay contractors and vendors directly for services performed and materials purchased; and
WHEREAS, providing a $10,000 grant with the option of direct payment to third party vendors will allow great accessibility to the benefits of the grant’s programs, and will bring the grant guidelines more in line with the realities of what North Miami small businesses can manage; and

WHEREAS, additionally these guideline revisions will help draw down the CDBG economic development funding pool; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow direct payment to contractors under the green rehabilitation program.

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

Section 1. Approval of Green Business Rehabilitation Program allowing direct payment to contractors. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby amends the previously approved revised guidelines for the Green Business Rehabilitation Grant Program by allowing direct payment to contractors and vendors.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of March, 2019.

[Signature]

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

[Signature]

JEFP P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by:  _______Galvin_________
Seconded by: _______Bien-Aime_________

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

  _______ (Yes) _______ (No)
  _______ (Yes) _______ (No)
  _______ (Yes) _______ (No)
  _______ (Yes) _______ (No) Absent