

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) TO THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM, IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SMALL BUSINESSES; FURTHER APPROVING THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE ATTACHED FORM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the City of North Miami ("City") Comprehensive Plan ("Comprehensive Plan"), requires that the City shall strive to create an economic environment that will enhance the economic prosperity of local businesses and attract new business, while improving the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan, the City is charged with the responsibility of preparing and adopting policies to provide assistance and incentives for existing business owners to continue operating in the City; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022, the Mayor and City Council passed and adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Action Plan, pursuant to Title 24, Part 91, Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs, Code of Federal Regulations, which outlined expenditures under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), including an allocation of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Green Business Rehabilitation Grant Program was originally approved by the Mayor and City Council on March 10, 2015, in accordance with Resolution No. 2015-R-26 and subsequently modified on June 26, 2018, and March 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Green Business Rehabilitation Grant Program was designed to support small businesses with sustainability-focused improvements such as energy efficiency upgrades, reduced operating costs, and business expansion; and

WHEREAS, the program has not received any applications in the most recent funding cycle signaling that its framework and eligible uses no longer align with the needs of North Miami's small business community; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of replacing the Green Rehabilitation Grant Program with the Small Business Grant Program and re-allocating the unused CDBG funds toward this initiative; and

WHEREAS, through the establishment of the Small Business Grant Program, the City will provide a grant of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with a required match in the amount of twenty percent (20%), toward eligible business related expenditures such as: equipment and tools essential to operations, training and certifications to build capacity, supplies and inventory for business continuity, marketing and branding, commercial liability insurance, professional services, and energy-efficient upgrades to reduce costs; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Grant Program will directly benefit low to moderate income business owners and expand the eligibility criteria to more effectively serve small business in North Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the Small Business Grant Program funded by CDBG, is in the best interest of the City since it will advance the economic development initiatives of the City and business community alike, consistent with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Section 1. Re-allocation of CDBG Funds. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby approve the re-allocation of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Green Business Rehabilitation Grant Program to the Small Business Grant Program.

Section 2. Creation of the Small Business Grant Program. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby approve the establishment of the Small Business, in support of the City's commitment to economic development initiatives benefiting the small business community.

Section 3. **Approval of the Small Business Program Guidelines.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Small Business Grant Program guidelines, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "A".

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of January, 2026.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)