

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH THE EMERGENCY UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM, AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A” TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there are residents of the City of North Miami (“City”) who are unable to pay their utilities bills for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Emergency Utilities Pilot Program is to provide North Miami residents (and in the case of water utilities, all service recipients) with emergency assistance with past due utility bills to ensure the safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, a summary of the Emergency Utilities Pilot Program Policies and Guidelines is attached and incorporated as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration recommends approving said Emergency Utilities Pilot Program Policies and Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration further recommends approving the allocation of funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the General Fund to establish the Emergency Utilities Pilot Program.

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

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. Exhibits Incorporated. The Emergency Utilities Pilot Program, as specified in Exhibit “A”, attached and incorporated, is approved.

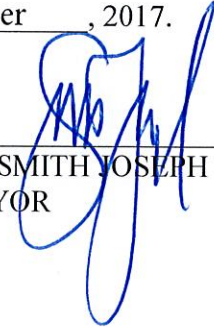
Section 3. Funding approved. The allocation of funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the General Fund to provide emergency utility assistance to qualified residents, is authorized.

Section 4. Authority Granted. The City Manager is authorized to execute all necessary documents, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, for said purpose.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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 28th day of November, 2017.



DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

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

X (Yes) _____ (No)
X (Yes) _____ (No)
X (Yes) _____ (No)
X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

X (Yes) _____ (No)

EXHIBIT "A"

EMERGENCY UTILITIES PILOT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Program Description:

The program provides an emergency assistance to eligible City of North Miami residents (and in the case of water utilities, all service recipients) of the on a first come first serve basis to make past due utility payments as a result of financial difficulties of the family.

Emergency assistance funds are meant to assist families in resolving an emergency, after the family applies their own resources towards the situation.

Source of Funding:

The program will be funded by customer and corporate donations, non-profit agency and City employee donations. The program will be administered by a non-profit organization such as the Miami-Dade County's Community Action Agency, United Way or some other non-profit organization as selected by the Administration.

Maximum Assistance: Assistance payment is capped at \$300.00

Eligible Utilities:

- Electricity
- Water
- Other – Any other utility necessary for air-condition or heating of the residence

Eligible Applicants:

- Must reside in the City of North Miami
- Households with income less or equal to 50% of median income adjusted for family size
- Must be current in their other housing payments, such as rent or mortgage

Household Income Table:

2017 – Income Limits								
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50% Income Limits	\$26,450	\$30,200	\$34,000	\$37,750	\$40,800	\$43,800	\$46,850	\$49,850

Documents Required:

- Proof of Income
- Proof of economic hardship
- Letter from utility company showing final notice for disconnection of services
- Valid Identification

Method of Payment: Payments will be made directly to Utility Company

Restrictions: This is a onetime payment per address per household