

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-98

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (“CRF”) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A”, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO FUND THE EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (“EMAP”); FURTHER APPROVING PROGRAM GUIDELINES, AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “B” AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND SAID GUIDELINES AS DEEMED NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) emergency has caused disruption in Florida’s economy leading to high rates of unemployment and business closures; and

WHEREAS, many Floridians are in need of assistance with rental payments, mortgage payments and home repairs; and

WHEREAS, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Florida Housing Finance Corporation (“FHFC”) was awarded \$250 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) for allocation to communities impacted by COVID -19; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the CARES Act Funds (designated the “Coronavirus Relief Funds or CRF funds”) will be distributed by FHFC to provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance administered by the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (“SHIP”); and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) was notified that they are eligible for a distribution award of \$172,500.00 pursuant to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) between the City and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for administration of the funding to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, as a subrecipient, the City of North Miami will follow guidelines and technical assistance in accordance with FHFC requirements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (“EMAP”) is to provide funds to assist homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure or otherwise struggling with their monthly mortgage payments; and

WHEREAS, the City has established guidelines for the implementation of the EMAP attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, the Program Guidelines specify that individuals qualify for a grant award of up to two (2) months not to exceed \$3,500.00 payable to the debtholders; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines further outline eligibility requirements, eligible use of funds and documentation required for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to approve the CRF Subrecipient Agreement as well as the EMAP Guidelines, in substantially the attached form.

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

Section 1. **Ratification.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby ratify the Coronavirus Relief Fund Subrecipient Agreement between the City of North Miami and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, attached as Exhibit “A”.

Section 2. **Approval of the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program Guidelines.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program guidelines funded under the Coronavirus Relief Fund as submitted in Exhibit “B”.

Section 3. **Authority of City Manager.** The City Manager is authorized to amend said guidelines as deemed necessary.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 8th day of September, 2020.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	_____	(Yes)	<u>X</u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)