

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-132**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOWARDS CITY OF NORTH MIAMI GRANT PROGRAMS; AMENDING THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR CITY GRANT PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE GRANT AWARD ALLOTTED TO APPLICANTS TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF CARES ACT FUNDING; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES, AS NEEDED, TO ENSURE THE TIMELY DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“City”) was originally awarded supplemental Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG-CV) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act signed by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 13, 2020 the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution Number 2020-R-117 authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Federally-Funded Subaward with Miami-Dade County to provide for the reimbursement of eligible expenses under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act; and

**WHEREAS**, to properly respond to the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the North Miami City Council allocated these funds to be used towards City grant programs such as: Smart Biz E-Commerce Grants, NM Business Stabilization Grants, and Contract Tracing Training; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has recently allotted additional funding to the City of North Miami in the amount of \$1,141,323.00 to be distributed by December 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, City Administration has distributed the additional funds toward existing grant programs and recommends the implementation of new programs such as: Family Virtual Learning Hub, NOMI Delivers Restaurant Grants, and North Miami PAL Virtual Learning Hub, summaries of the programs and allocation amounts are attached as Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, City Administration recommends that the program guidelines for the existing programs be amended to increase the grant awards allotted to applicants to provide for the timely distribution of the additional CARES Act funds awarded to the City and that program guidelines be adopted for the proposed grant programs, said program guidelines are attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ability to amend policy guidelines in a timely and efficient manner is necessary to ensure that there is no barrier to the timely distribution of grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the City Manager be designated with the authority to make changes to program guidelines to address any policy issues which may impact the distribution of grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the City Manager and to make amendments to the adopted program guidelines, as needed, to ensure the efficient operation of the grant programs.

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

**Section 1. Approval of Allocation of CARES Act Funds.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the allocation of \$1,141,323.00 in CARES Act funding toward City grant programs, program summaries and allocation amounts attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

**Section 2. Approval of Program Guidelines.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Program Guidelines for City grant programs, attached hereto Exhibit “B”, to increase the individual grant award amounts and to ensure the timely distribution of additional CARES Act funds allotted to the City of North Miami from Miami-Dade County.


**Section 3. Authority of City Manager.** The City Manager is authorized to adopt and implement any and all necessary changes to the program guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.

**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 2nd day of December, 2020.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(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)