



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REVISE AND AMEND THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO) GRANT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH TWO GRANT CYCLES PER FISCAL YEAR; MODIFY THE FUNDING DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURE TO ALLOW FOR UPFRONT OR PARTIAL PAYMENTS; LIMIT ELIGIBILITY TO ONE GRANT PER ORGANIZATION PER FISCAL YEAR; INCREASE THE TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$50,000.00) TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY BETWEEN CYCLES; INCREASE THE MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD PER ORGANIZATION TO SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$7,000.00) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR ADVANCE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BETWEEN 25% TO 50%; AND MANDATE COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Doral's CBO Grant Program has been instrumental in supporting nonprofit and grassroots organizations that deliver essential services and programming to our residents. However, the current structure presents challenges, particularly for smaller or newer organizations. The once-per-year grant cycle and reimbursement-only funding model may inadvertently exclude organizations that lack sufficient liquidity to front expenses.

To address these issues and ensure more equitable access to city resources, I am proposing a series of modifications that will improve the reach, efficiency, and transparency of the CBO Grant Program.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

| Date: | Resolution/Ordinance No. | Comments |
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

☐ \$50,000.00 or less

☒ \$50,000.00 or more

RECOMMENDATION:

I respectfully request that my colleagues on the City Council support the adoption of this resolution to modernize and expand the impact of our CBO Grant Program. These changes are designed to reflect our city's commitment to equity, transparency, and community development.

Please feel free to reach out to my office should you have any questions or suggestions regarding the proposed resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Draft Resolution