

RESOLUTION No. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE DORAL SEEDS BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the "City") is committed to fostering economic development, supporting small businesses, promoting job creation and sustainable economic growth within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that qualified small businesses located within the City contribute to the vitality, diversity, and economic strength of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a competitive grant program to support small businesses through measurable growth initiatives, job creation, and long-term economic activity within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program (the "Program"), a framework designed to provide grant funding to qualified small businesses in a fair, documented, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Program establishes comprehensive eligibility criteria, qualification screening procedures, evaluation standards, award structure, reporting requirements, and safeguards necessary to administer grants responsibly; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to allocate up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per program cycle for the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program, which may be supplemented by voluntary private sector sponsorship contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Program shall be administered by the City's Economic Development Department in accordance with the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program Policy and Implementation Framework, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Program includes objective administrative procedures, mandatory applicant orientation, document-based eligibility verification, an Independent Review Committee, conflict-of-interest protections, milestone-based disbursement, and other safeguards to ensure accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, all grant awards shall be made on a discretionary, competitive basis, subject to compliance with eligibility requirements, qualification gates, and evaluation standards set forth in the Program Policy and Implementation Framework; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the establishment and implementation of the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program serves a valid public purpose and is in the best interests of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the expenditure of budgeted funds for the Program and to provide for its implementation in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein, and made part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program, substantially in the form of the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program Policy and Implementation Framework attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager and, his or her designee, and the City Attorney shall have all the requisite authority to carry out this resolution, and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program. Furthermore, the City Manager shall have the authority to administer the Doral Seeds Business Grant Program in accordance with the Program Policy and Implementation Framework. Also, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to make such administrative modifications, clarifications, and revisions to application materials, thresholds, schedules, and procedures as may be necessary or appropriate, consistent with the intent and structure of the Program Policy and Implementation Framework. The City Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds as necessary. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take any additional actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including making any modifications, executing any documents and addendums as necessary to effectuate this Resolution, provided that such actions remain consistent with the Council's intent.

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

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of June, 2026.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

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