

RESOLUTION No. 25-

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

WHEREAS, the City of Doral is committed to supporting and partnering with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that deliver essential services, programs, and resources to enhance the quality of life of Doral residents; and

WHEREAS, the existing CBO Grant Program provides funding on a reimbursement-only basis and operates once annually, which may present barriers to smaller or emerging organizations that do not have the financial resources to front program expenses; and

WHEREAS, to ensure equitable access to funding opportunities and to broaden community participation, the Mayor and City Council find it necessary to revise the program's structure and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Rafael Pineyro has proposed this resolution to increase the effectiveness, transparency, and accessibility of the CBO Grant Program for the benefit of the Doral community.

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

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

Section 2. Program Structure and Funding Frequency. The City Manager and Chief Financial Officer are hereby directed to amend the current Community Based Organization Grant Program to establish two application and award cycles per fiscal year, beginning with the start of the new fiscal budget year. In order to expand opportunities for community organizations to seek and obtain funding.

Section 3. Upfront Funding and Financial Accessibility. The disbursement model shall be revised to allow monetary awards to be distributed upfront, either partially or in full, in order to accommodate smaller organizations that lack sufficient liquidity. The CBO Grant Selection Committee shall be authorized to establish eligibility guidelines for organizations to qualify for advance disbursements ranging from 25% to 50% of the total awarded amount.

Section 4. Program Funding and Grant Limits. The total annual budget for the CBO Grant Program shall be increased to \$50,000, to be equally divided between the two grant cycles. The maximum grant award per organization shall be increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000, subject to the discretion of the selection committee and available funds.

Section 5. Award Eligibility Limits. To promote equitable distribution of funds, the revised program guidelines shall stipulate that any organization that is awarded a

grant during one of the two cycles in a fiscal year shall not be eligible to receive a second award during the same fiscal year.

Section 6. Educational Workshops and Community Engagement. The appropriate City department shall organize and host two Community Based Organization Grant Application Workshops per fiscal year. These workshops shall educate community organizations on the application process, eligibility criteria, funding use, and reporting requirements. Workshops may be held in person or virtually to maximize accessibility.

Section 7. Outreach and Promotion. A targeted social media and community outreach campaign shall be conducted to promote awareness of the grant opportunities and encourage participation in the workshops. The campaign should be inclusive, multilingual as appropriate, and reflective of the diverse communities in Doral.

Section 8. Implementation. The City Manager is directed to present the revised program guidelines and implementation timeline to the City Council within ninety (90) days of the adoption of this resolution.

Section 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect at the start of the new fiscal year upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilman Rafael Pineyro.

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 Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4 day of June, 2025.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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