



## **CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM**

### **ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIOR LINKS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF A SPECIAL NEEDS ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$226,419.00); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

### **DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

The Parks and Recreation Department respectfully requests approval from the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Behavior Links, Inc. for a Special Needs Adult Enrichment Program in an amount not to exceed \$226,419.00. This program will operate for 9.5 months during the school year (September- beginning of June) and will be on break during the school summer break. Pursuant to section 2-323(5) of the City's Code of Ordinances states, "training, academic programs, lectures, education services or seminars, specialized services, and recreational instructors" are exempt from the City's competitive bidding procedure.

The City currently works with a contracted provider, Kids at Music, for a sanctioned Adult Day Training program that has a state-mandated curriculum. These regulations in the current Adult Day Training program are tied to Medicaid funding and have set requirements. The current agreement expires of January 31, 2026, with one final renewal option that will be exercised, expiring January 31, 2027.

Through feedback from parents, the Parks and Recreation Department identified a need for a more flexible curriculum to meet the needs of participants that need an alternate solution opposed to the state-mandated curriculum. The department reached out to various providers in the industry and held discussions with parents in our special needs community to identify the best possible program options to meet these needs. Following these discussions and receiving feedback from the community, staff recommend Behavior Links, Inc. as the provider best suited to provide a quality and flexible adult program led by a team of highly qualified professionals with many years of experience with special needs participants.

Behavior Links, Inc. has over 16 years of experience in Special Needs education and development. Behavior links also has previous history working with the City of Doral from 2015-2019 and still have strong relationships with many families in our community and are familiar with their needs.

The Special Needs Adult Enrichment Program offered by Behavior Links will allow for increased flexibility for participants that require alternative curriculums and needs. The simultaneous offering of both programs will allow the City to greater serve the needs of our special needs community. The programs will be offered simultaneously for one (1) year. At the end of the term both programs will be evaluated, and feedback will be gathered from participants and parents to determine how best to continue and see if there is a continued need and participation for both programs.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)**

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (IF APPLICABLE)**

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$226,419.00	001.90005.500340	Contractual Services
2.	\$0		
Total:	\$0		

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures of \$226,419.00.

This item has a fiscal impact not to exceed \$226,419.00. Funding is available in the Parks and Recreation Contractual Services account number 001.90005.500340. The program's revenue collected will be deposited into a parks revenue account.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item falls under the Parks & Recreation, Special Needs Programming strategic priorities providing high quality recreational & health and wellness programming for the Doral special needs community.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Received Proposal
- B. Draft Resolution.