

RESOLUTION No. 2009-94-1039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE CHILDREN'S TRUST TO RECEIVE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$561,600.00) TO ASSIST THE MIAMI GARDENS/OPA LOCKA VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE COALITION'S MISSIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Children's Trust contracted with the City of Miami Gardens to develop a coordinated and comprehensive effort to prevent youth violence, and

WHEREAS, the Miami Gardens/Opa Locka Violence Prevention Coalition ("Coalition") was established between the City of Miami Gardens and Opa Locka in an effort to create a web of effective community solutions to empower and protect youth and families in Miami Gardens and Opa Locka, and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the Coalition are to reduce youth violence and crime through prevention, intervention, law enforcement, community policing, and other mechanisms, and

WHEREAS, the Contract with the Children's Trust will end after the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, since 2007, participants in the Program have participated in a variety of violence prevention, family strengthening, life skills development, parenting education

and other activities sponsored by community-based organizations that contract with the Coalition, and

WHEREAS, this year, the Coalition plans to serve 500 youth and 150 adults in an effort to steer them away from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Children's Trust for funding in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$561,600.00) to assist the Coalition with its goals and objectives, and would further like authorization for the City Manager to enter into memorandums of understanding with community-based organizations for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Children's Trust for funding in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$561,600.00) to assist the Coalition with its goals and objectives, and further authorizes the City Manager to enter into memorandums of understanding with community-based organizations for this purpose.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI
GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2009.


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: DANNY CREW, CITY MANAGER

MOVED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PRITCHEET
SECOND BY: VICE MAYOR WATSON &
COUNCILMAN GILBERT

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u> X </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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Council Meeting Date:	April 22, 2009		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other		
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Fiscal Impact: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>		1st Reading		2nd Reading	
	X		Public Hearing: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>		Yes	No	Yes	No
Funding Source:	General Fund		Advertising Requirement: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>		Yes		No	
							X	
Contract/P.O. Required: <small>(Enter X in box)</small>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:					
	X							
Sponsor Name	Dr. Danny Crew, City Manager		Department:		Parks and Recreation Department / Youth Violence Prevention Program			

Short Title:

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Staff Summary:

In 2007, a rash of senseless child murders motivated The Children's Trust to contract with the City of Miami Gardens to develop a coordinated and comprehensive effort to prevent youth violence. The result of this effort was the creation of the Miami Gardens/Opa-locka Violence Prevention Coalition (a collaborative partnership between several government and community based agencies throughout the Miami Gardens and Opa-locka communities). The mission of the Coalition is to create "a web of

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effective community solutions to empower and protect youth and families in Miami Gardens and Opa-locka". The primary goals of the Coalition are to reduce child murder and youth violence/crime through prevention, intervention, law enforcement (community policing), community engagement and social marketing strategies.

During the first two years, program participants participated in a variety of violence prevention, family strengthening, life skills development, parenting education, and other activities sponsored by the Coalition's community-based organizations. Specifically, during the second year of this contract, the Coalition has provided services to and/or engaged 399 young people and 198 adults.

2009-10 is the third and (projected) final year of this contract, in which the Coalition plans to serve 500 youth and 150 adults, targeting youth who are suspended from school and truants (major risk factors for youth violence/criminal activity). These youth and their families will have access to case management, youth development, family strengthening, violence prevention and pre-employment training/job placement services administered by the Coalition and partners. Additional community engagement/mobilization activities will be sponsored by the Coalition to build public support for community-wide violence prevention efforts.

As the lead agency/fiscal agent for the contract, the City of Miami Gardens plays a major role in the implementation, documentation and reporting of all Coalition program activities. The contract provides funding for four (4) FTE project staff who works out of the Cloverleaf Park facility. Contract funding also supports the City's Police Department (staff overtime for truancy sweeps), a Youth Police Academy, violence prevention training for School Crossing Guard staff, and several community outreach events.

Proposed Action:

It is recommended that the Council approve this resolution to allow the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with The Children's Trust in the amount of \$561,600 and to establish MOUs with community collaborators; thus allowing staff to proceed with enacting components of the proposal.

Attachment:

Attachment A – Children's Trust Letter of Service Authorization
Attachment B – Children's Trust Contract No. 925-301 & Budget