

RESOLUTION No. 2010-21-1203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AND ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the loss of tree canopy from past storms has created a negative ecological and aesthetic impact within the City of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, the conservation and restoration of tree cover and green open space helps guide growth and improve the livability within the City's neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends applying for the 2009-2011 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and

WHEREAS, the awarded funds will be used to plant trees in the City's right-of-way,

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 apply for and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the

maximum grant allowance of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be used to plant trees in the City's right-of-way.

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 JANUARY 27, 2010.

  
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: Vice Mayor Gilbert  
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Watson

**VOTE: 5-0**

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No) (out of town)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No) (not present)
Councilman André Williams	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)



## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	January 27, 2010		<b>Item Type:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Resolution</b> X	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
	X			<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	NA		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>			
	X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	City Manager Danny O. Crew		<b>Department:</b>	Public Works		

**Short Title:**

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**Staff Summary:**

The loss of tree canopy from past storms it has created a negative ecological and aesthetic impact in the City of Miami Gardens. To address this concern, staff recommends applying for the 2009-2011 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program. The Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program addresses the stewardship needs of natural resources where 80 percent of the nation's population lives, works, and plays. In the City of Miami Gardens the quality of life is closely connected with land conversion associated with development, hence there is a strong economic case for conserving and restoring tree cover and green open space to help guide growth and improve the livability of community neighborhoods.

Part of the U&CF grant application requires Council to support a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the grant and to enter into a Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This grant requires no matching funds. Funds from this grant will be used to plant trees in the city's right-of-way.

**ITEM J-7) CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTION  
Agreement w/ Florida Dept. of  
Agriculture and Consumer Services**

**Proposed Action:**

That City Council approve this resolution to give the City Manager the authorization to apply for this grant and if secured enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the maximum grant allowance of \$24,000 with no matching funds.

**Attachment:**

None.