

RESOLUTION No. 2010-39-1221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,600.00) FROM FM GLOBAL, TO BE USED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MIAMI GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARSON UNIT; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers, awarded the Miami Gardens Police Department ("MGPD") the FM Global Fire Prevention Grant, and

WHEREAS, these grants aid law enforcement in effective crime prevention and investigation by allowing investigators to purchase needed equipment, and

WHEREAS, as a recipient, MGPD, will receive an award of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) to purchase a new Nikon D300 digital camera and other camera accessories for the Arson Unit, and

WHEREAS, the digital cameras will allow investigators to obtain important evidence and lessen the risk of scene contamination, destruction and disruption, and

WHEREAS, the equipment will be maintained by the Crime Investigation Unit and will become the property of MGPD,

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.

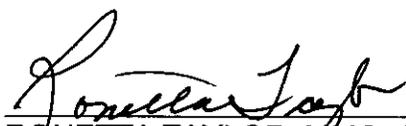
Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) in grant funding from FM Global to be used to purchase equipment for the Miami Gardens Police Department Arson Unit.

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 FEBRUARY 24, 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: Councilwoman Watson

SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 5-2

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



City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

Council Meeting Date:	February 24, 2010		Item Type:	Resolution	Ordinance	Other	
			<i>(Enter X in box)</i>	X			
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		1st Reading		2nd Reading
	X		Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		Yes	No	Yes No
Funding Source:	General Fund - Police Department		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		Yes		No
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	RFP/RFQ/Bid #:				
		X					
Sponsor Name	Dr. Danny O. Crew, City Manager		Department:		Police Department		
Short Title:							

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Staff Summary:

FM Global, one of the world’s largest commercial property insurers, awarded The Miami Gardens Police Department (MGPD) the FM Global Fire Prevention Grant. Grants such as this aid law enforcement in effective crime prevention and investigation by allowing investigators to purchase needed equipment utilizing grant funding. As a recipient, MGPD will receive an award of \$1,600.00 to purchase a Nikon D300 digital camera and other camera accessories for the Arson Unit. It is imperative that an arson scene is immediately assessed and investigated. The use of a digital camera like the Nikon D300 will allow the investigator to obtain important evidence and lessen the risk of scene contamination, destruction or disruption. The equipment will be maintained by the criminal investigations unit and will become the property of MGPD.

**ITEM J-9) CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION
Accepting a \$1,600 Grant**

Proposed Action:

That the City Council authorize the City of Miami Gardens to accept \$1,600.00 in grant funding from FM Global used to purchase equipment for the MGPD Arson Unit.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Grant Application

Attachment B: Grant Award

Organization

Organization Name

Miami Gardens Police Department

Contact Name Jama Hall

Title Detective

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Mobile 786-375-7920

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Web Site miamigardenspolice.org

Physical Address

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City Miami Gardens

State/Province FL

Country US

ZIP/Postal Code 33169

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Country _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____

Type of Applicant

Fire Department/Brigade

Police Department

Regional Task Force

Non-profit Organization

Public Agency

Educational Institution

Other (please explain) _____

Type of Jurisdiction Served

Town

District

County

Regional

State/Province

Country

Other (please explain) _____

Staff Type

All Career

All Volunteer/Paid Per Call

Combination

Other (please explain) _____

Organization Size

Number of Career Members 245

Number of Volunteer Members _____

Other (please explain) _____

Community Served

Rural

Suburban

City

State

National

Other (please explain) _____

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Application



Please provide answers to the following questions. If some of this information is not readily available, please contact your local fire, police or governmental agency for assistance.

1. What is the approximate physical size (e.g., square mileage, kilometers, etc.) of the area you serve?

22 square miles

2. What percentage of your service area is used for commercial, industrial or institutional purposes?

17.06%

3. What percentage of your service area is used for residential purposes?

36.75%

4. What is your service area's population?

111,171

5. What service(s) does your organization(s) provide?

First responder, police and investigative services.

6. How many incidents has your jurisdiction responded to in each of the categories below during the past year (please complete if you are an organization that responds to emergencies)?

**Note: Please do not count incidents in which more than one agency responded. Each incident should be counted only once regardless of the number of units that responded to that incident (e.g., a vehicle fire with entrapment and injuries may be counted as a vehicle fire, rescue call or medical call, but not all three).*

Structural Fire <u>327 total fires</u>	Hazardous Condition/Material Call _____
Vehicle Fire _____	Service Call _____
Vegetation Fire _____	Good Intent Call/False Alarm _____
EMS Response Call _____	Other <u>902 fire alarm calls</u>
Rescue _____	

7. Will this grant benefit more than one organization? (If yes, please explain.)

No Yes

8. What type of funding are you requesting?

- Prefire planning for commercial, industrial and institutional facilities
- Fire prevention education/training
- Arson prevention/investigation

9. Please indicate what items/programs are being requested and the exact amount of funding needed.

Nikon D300 digital camera \$1696.95
Nikkor AF-S 18-200mm zoom lens \$709.95
AF Micro_Nikkor 60mm lens \$429.95
SB-600 AF Speedlight flash \$219.95
SC-28 TTL remote cord \$59.95
Nikon EN-EL3E Li-Ion Battery \$40.95
Nikon battery charger \$39.95
Pelican 1450 watertight case \$87.95

- *If you are requesting funding for equipment, please provide the manufacturer, model number and price. Actual quotes from a manufacturer or retail store are encouraged.*
- *If you are requesting funding for training or education, please include literature about the training/education, its location and number of personnel involved.*
- *Any other funding requests should be supplemented by appropriate supporting material.*
- *If possible a budget spreadsheet should be provided detailing each item, its quantity and the price.*

10. Please answer the following questions:

a. Why does your organization need the requested funding?

The City of Miami Gardens is a new city, gaining incorporation in 2003. Shortly thereafter, city leaders and members of the community decided that they needed to create a new police department to meet the needs of the growing crime rates in the city. The citizens voted to take a very large tax increase in order to fund the new police department and to create an enticing employment package in an attempt to acquire the best police officers from around the country. One hundred and fifty people were hired to start the department, and more were slowly added to bring us to a compliment of 192 sworn officers. Much of the money from the tax increase was used to outfit an entire police department with vehicles, radios, guns, uniforms, and countless other things that are needed from the ground up. Now that the police department has been on its feet for one and a half years, we are realizing that more officers are still needed. Due to the shortcomings in the economy and budget cuts occurring in nearly every department, assistance is needed to purchase some items.

- b. How will funding enhance your current/future fire prevention, prefire planning or investigation efforts?

This funding will enhance the arson unit greatly. Currently the entire department relies on our crime scene unit, that possesses only three cameras. The presence of crime in our city frequently keeps them busy, to the point that by the time that they are able to get to some scenes such as arson, the evidence is already contaminated, destroyed, or disturbed. This is especially true of vehicle arsons, which is currently the biggest arson problem we have.

- c. What is the expected impact funding will have within your community, both immediate and long-term?

I expect this equipment to assist in arson investigations to improve my ability to develop, arrest, and prosecute suspects of this crime. By utilizing this equipment on every arson call out, I hope to spread the message in the City of Miami Gardens that arson will no longer be tolerated by doing just that.

- d. What recent (within past 10 years) local fire-related statistics support the need for funding?

Since our police department is new, we have not developed many trends or statistics that are fire-related as of yet. Our department would like to utilize the equipment purchased with this grant to prevent growth of fire-related problems.

- e. What other relevant information do you believe will support the need for funding?

The funds to purchase this equipment will greatly assist the arson unit in investigating cases. Our hope is that by utilizing this equipment to document the evidence in cases will help to send a message to criminals. The message that they will be investigated, arrested, and prosecuted for committing arson to get out of a high car payment, or to scare business owners into shutting down, or whatever reason they may have to break the law with this dangerous crime.

11. If full funding can not be provided is partial funding acceptable to your organization? *(If no, please explain.)*

Yes No _____

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Application



12a. Is the organization applying for a grant a governmental unit of a state, commonwealth, the District of Columbia, possession of the United States, the United States itself, or any political subdivision as described in Section 170 (b)(1)(A)(v) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code?

Yes No

12b. Is the organization applying for a grant defined as a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code? If so, you must attach a copy of the determination letter.

Yes No

12c. Will the grant be used exclusively for public purposes? (this includes training and equipment for use by in-house staff)

Yes No

Should a fire prevention grant be awarded, by signing this application, I hereby give permission for FM Global to publicize my award using my organization's name, amount of the award, purpose by which the funding will be used for and presentation photo (if applicable). I understand that such publicity can be gained through, but is not limited to print, television and Internet media outlets.

The application must be signed by the most senior representative of the organization requesting the grant (e.g., chief executive officer, executive director, dean, mayor, department chief and fire commissioner, to name a few).

Signature: _____

Dr. Danny Crew

Printed Name: _____

City Manager

Title: _____

06-19-09

Date: _____

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December 2, 2009

Detective Hall
Miami Gardens Police Department
1020 NW 163rd Drive
Miami Gardens, Florida 33169

Dear Detective Hall:

Congratulations. Your grant application for an FM Global fire prevention grant stood out among the hundreds we received and we will be funding \$1,600 towards the purchase of a digital camera and accessories.

Coleman Cashion, fire service program coordinator in FM Global's Atlanta office will contact you soon to arrange for a check presentation. In addition you will be receiving an email with a sample press release. Once you and Coleman have scheduled a December 2, 2009 for a visit, you can customize and distribute the press release to bring further public attention to your worthy efforts and to publicize your award.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel welcome to e-mail me.

Best wishes for continued success in your fire prevention endeavors.

Michael Spaziani
Manager - Fire Service Programs
michael.spaziani@fmglobal.com

cc: Coleman Cashion – FM Global Atlanta Operations

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