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# Press Release

## ***Hialeah Mayor Gives Economic Incentive to Small Businesses***

Hialeah, Florida – At last night’s City Council Meeting, Mayor Julio Robaina received a \$10,000 grant from Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz through his District Discretionary Reserve. These funds will be utilized for economic development activities to be administered by Hialeah Dade Development, Inc., (HDDI).

Due to the current economic crisis and in an effort to best utilize this revenue, the Mayor and Commissioner Diaz have developed the idea of providing a small economic incentive to qualifying small businesses of less than 10 employees, through a one-time grant in the amount of \$200. These grants will be used to offset the high fuel/energy costs that have been greatly impacting these businesses. This program will be administered by HDDI, and the selection of recipients will be on a first-come served basis and must follow City approved local criteria.

Mayor Robaina cares for his community deeply and is dedicated to continually supporting them under any circumstances. Mayor Robaina wants Hialeah to keep being “the City of Progress,” and that means stimulating its small businesses. “This incentive is a step in the right direction that will help our small businesses, the thread of our community, which make up a large part of our city's economic and workforce base,” Mayor Robaina expressed.