

**RESOLUTION NO.** 2022-105

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) PASS-THROUGH GRANT AWARD WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME, AND THE CITY OF HIALEAH, AS PARTICIPATING AGENCY; TO ASSIST THE HIALEAH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE PARTIAL FUNDING FOR VICTIM ADVOCATE ASSISTANT POSITIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$153,103.46 FOR TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS EXHIBIT "1", AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Hialeah Police Department provides victim assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual battery, aggravated assault, burglary, homicide, and other crimes that include: responding to the emotional and physical needs of victims, helping victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and to provide and ensure safety measures to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hialeah Police Department recognizes that victims of violent crime suffer an immediate emotional and/or physical impact and currently employs Victim Advocate Assistants to inform victims of their rights under the State of Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes and provide services to victims of violent crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hialeah Police Department is eligible to apply for a grant award in the amount of \$153,103.46 from the State of Florida, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, under Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, to assist with the partial funding of the Victim Advocate Assistant positions;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hialeah finds it in the best interest of the community to apply for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) pass-through grant award to partially fund the Victim Advocate Assistant positions.

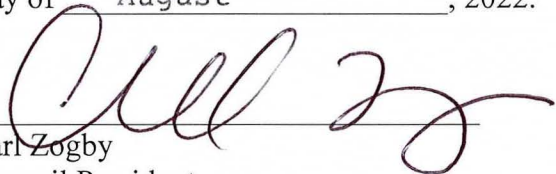
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2:** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida hereby authorize the submission of the application for the grant award to the State of Florida, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, under Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, in the amount of \$153,103.46, to assist the City in the partial funding of the Hialeah Police Department Victim Advocate Assistant positions to provide services to victims of violent crime, and further authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

**Section 3:** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida further authorize the establishment of a separate interest-bearing trust account designated for this program once the grant is awarded.

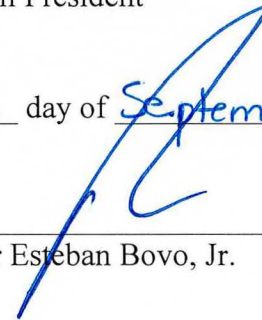
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23 day of August, 2022.

  
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Carl Zogby  
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 12 day of September, 2022.

  
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Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

  
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Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers Calvo, Garcia-Roves, Casáls-Muñoz, Perez, Rodriguez and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Councilmember Tundidor absent.