

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1940

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT MIAMI DADE COUNTY (MDC) FY 2024 GROWING ROOTS FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY EQUITABLE NEIGHBORHOODS (GREEN) MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Growing Roots for Environmentally Equitable Neighborhoods (GREEN) Matching Grant Program (the “Grant”) provides grant awards between \$5,000 to \$100,000 to plant native or Florida-friendly trees in order to reach Miami-Dade County’s Million Trees Miami goal of achieving a 30% tree canopy for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Beautification Master Plan and the Imagine Miami Lakes Strategic Plan, both provide for the necessity of increasing the Town’s overall tree canopy in the West Lakes area of the Town; and

WHEREAS, in previous years, the Town has successfully increased the Town’s overall tree coverage in the West Lakes area through the West Lakes Reforestation Projects: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and

WHEREAS, the funding of the Town’s West Lakes Reforestation Phase 6 Project will further the overall Town Master and Strategic Plans’ goals of increasing its tree canopy, shade, and landscape aesthetics in an area of Town devoid of necessary trees; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s West Lakes Reforestation Phase 6 Project is estimated to cost One Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$100,725.00); and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a fifty percent (50%) local match and no more than fifty percent (50%) of the total project costs will be awarded to any single applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authority to Apply and Accept Grant, and Execute all necessary Documents. The Town Council hereby approves the application submittal for the Miami-Dade County, Growing Roots for Environmentally Equitable Neighborhoods (GREEN) Matching Grant Program, and if awarded authorizes the Town Manager to take all necessary action, including the execution of any agreements, future amendments, or addendums necessary to effectuate the Grant.

Section 3. Authority to Expend Budgeted Funds. The Town Council hereby approves the expenditure of budgeted funds up to an amount of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollar and 50/100 (\$53,362.50) in order to meet the Grant's match requirement.

Section 4. Authorization of Town Officials. The Town Manager and/ or his designee and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Miami-Dade County, Growing Roots for Environmentally Equitable Neighborhoods (GREEN) Matching Grant Program, as described in Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to any person or agency as directed by the Council of the Town of Miami Lakes.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of September 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Fernandez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Mayor Manny Cid | Absent |
| Vice Mayor Carlos O. Alvarez | Absent |
| Councilmember Luis E. Collazo | Yes |
| Councilmember Josh Dieguez | Yes |
| Councilmember Tony Fernandez | Yes |
| Councilmember Ray Garcia | Yes |
| Councilmember Marilyn Ruano | Yes |




Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorenzo Cobiella
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY