

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2128

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND, IF AWARDED, TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES ("FDACS") 2024 COMMUNITY FORESTRY CAPACITY GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000); AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes ("Town") is committed to enhancing, preserving, and managing its urban forest to support public safety, storm resilience, and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("FDACS") offers the Community Forestry Capacity Grant Program to assist municipalities and other entities in initiating or enhancing local urban and community forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks funding assistance through this program for the Miami Lakes Public Tree Inventory Project – Phase I, which will include documenting species, diameter at breast height, location, condition, potential infrastructure conflicts, and maintenance needs of all public trees within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires a fifty percent (50%) local cost share with a maximum grant award of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000); and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of Phase I of the project is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), with the Town providing the required local match of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Tree Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the data obtained through this project will guide tree care, storm preparation, future canopy planning, and budgetary decisions, updating information last collected in 2014, which is now outdated and incomplete.

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. Authorization to Apply. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to apply for the FDACS 2024 Community Forestry Capacity Grant in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

Section 3. Authorization to Accept and Implement. If awarded, the Town Manager is authorized to accept the grant funds, execute the grant agreements, take all necessary steps to implement the terms and conditions of the agreements, and expend budgeted funds in connection with the Community Forestry Capacity Grant.

Section 4. Funding Source. The required fifty percent (50%) local cost share shall be provided from the Town's Tree Trust Fund, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).


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

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Passed and adopted this 16th day of September 2025.

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

Mayor Joshua Dieguez	Yes
Vice Mayor Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Juan Carlos Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Angelo Cuadra Garcia	No
Councilmember Ray Garcia	No
Councilmember Steven Herzberg	Yes
Councilmember Alex Sanchez	Yes



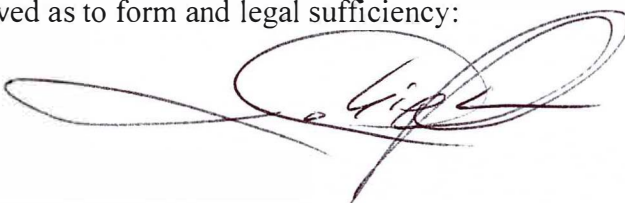
Joshua Dieguez
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguszo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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