

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mr. Miguel A. Seco, Governmental Affairs Manager



Date: March 27, 2012

**RE: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
2012 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to submit an application and negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

BACKGROUND

The City is submitting an application requesting a grant in the amount of \$20,000 with a required match from the general fund in the amount of \$20,000 for a total project cost in the amount of \$40,000. Funds will be used to perform an urban tree canopy assessment in conjunction with the City's geographical information system and the development of a tree management master plan to restore loss urban tree canopy in all districts of the City based on data recorded from previous grant phases completed in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

This grant has a one-year funding cycle with an anticipated beginning date of June 2012 and an end date of July 31, 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES FOR A GRANT FROM THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of applying for and securing a grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Urban and Community Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is requesting a grant in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in grant funds with a required Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in-kind match from the City of North Miami for a total project cost of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00); and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to perform an urban tree canopy assessment in conjunction with the City's geographical information system and the development of a tree management master plan to restore lost urban tree canopy in all districts of the City based on data recorded from previous grant phases completed in 2008, 2009 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to authorize the submittal of a grant application and the execution of an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture for the purpose of securing grant funds from the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Authority to Submit Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submittal of the City of North Miami's application for a grant from the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Section 2. Authority to City Manager and City Attorney. The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a grant from the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of March, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Jean R. Marcellus	_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)