



City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
October 10, 2023

**ITEM TITLE:**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO CREATE AN INCOME-BASED SEWER ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO PAY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ASSOCIATED WITH A SEPTIC-TO-SEWER CONVERSION. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Anderson)**

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City Commission recognizes the benefits of septic-to-sewer conversion and is pursuing state and federal funding opportunities to complete the public infrastructure work necessary to make such conversion a reality. The City Commission also recognizes that when special assessments are necessary to complete such work, there may be property owners who are unable to pay those assessments.

This resolution directs City staff to create an income-based sewer assessment grant program, contingent on securing state or federal funding, to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals to pay their septic-to-sewer special assessments. It authorizes staff to establish appropriate eligibility criteria, an application process, grant administration process, compliance checks and to perform all other administrative functions related to the grant program. It further authorizes staff to consider all relevant considerations to establish and carry out the grant program.

Finally, this resolution directs City staff to pursue state or federal funding to fund the income-based sewer assessment grant program at an appropriate time, as may be determined by the timing of construction, assessments or grant criteria.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

| No.  | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
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| <b>Fiscal Impact:</b>  |        |             |                 |
| <b>This program is conditioned upon the receipt of state or federal funding. At this time, staff does not anticipate any local funds being allocated to the grant program.</b> |        |             |                 |