## CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-279**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING A SENIOR RELIEF GRANT FUND AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO IDENTIFY A SOURCE OF FUNDING.

**WHEREAS,** in 2010, Miami-Dade County established the Save Our Seniors Homeowners' Relief Fund providing that seniors, who reside in Miami-Dade County, are 65 years of age or older and have applied for and received Florida's Homestead Exemption for Seniors, are eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$100 per household, which may be used to offset the cost of County services; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's Homestead Exemption for Seniors is available to qualifying senior citizens who have the legal or equitable title to real estate, maintain permanent residence on the property, are 65 years or older, and whose household income does not exceed the household income limitation set forth in Florida Statutes § 196.075; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes that the City's low-income senior population is particularly vulnerable to the financial burdens of inflation, including the rising costs of insurance, medical services, transportation, and other costs; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Commission wishes to establish a Senior Relief Grant Fund to provide qualifying low-income seniors that reside in the City and receives the senior exemption from property taxes with a grant in the amount of \$100.00 per household; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission requests that City staff identify a source of funding for the Senior Relief Grant Fund;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission directs staff to establish a Senior Relief Grant Fund to provide senior citizens that reside in the City and receive the senior exemption from property taxes (based on the First Certified Tax Roll from the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser to the Tax Collector) with a grant in the amount of \$100.00 per household and directs City staff to identify a source of funding.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2023.

(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Menendez)

(Yeas: Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: F-16)

APPROVED:

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