



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 26, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO CREATE AN INCOME-BASED SEWER CONNECTION GRANT PROGRAM, CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDING, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO CONVERT FROM SEPTIC TO SEWER. (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 to achieve septic-to-sewer conversion, homeowners must undertake private property improvements to connect to City-owned main lines, and such improvements may be extremely difficult to achieve for lower income residents.

This resolution directs City staff to create an income-based sewer connection grant program, contingent on securing state or federal funding, to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals who wish to convert from septic-to-sewer. It authorizes staff to establish an appropriate eligibility criterion, 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 income levels, scope and cost of projects, citizen's standing in regards to code enforcement violations and outstanding debt to the City, use of a licensed and insured contractor, homestead exemption, location of residence, availability of sewer connections and other relevant considerations.

Finally, this resolution directs City staff to pursue a state or federal appropriation and/or grant to fund the income-based sewer connection grant program.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
Fiscal Impact:			
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.			