

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2020-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS A. GIMENEZ AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (“BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS”) TO TRANSFER CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (“CARES”) ACT FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (“COUNTY”) TO THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES (“CITY”) AND TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY BASED ON POPULATION AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS NAMED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 and appropriated \$150 billion of direct federal funding for state and local governments to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, states and units of local government with more than 500,000 residents received direct federal funding through the Coronavirus Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, twelve (12) localities in the State of Florida (“State”) received direct federal funds and NO city in Florida (except the combined city/county government of Jacksonville /Duval County) received direct funding; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act appropriated nearly half a billion dollars (\$474,085,078.50) to Miami-Dade County (“County”), making this the highest amount in direct federal funding to any eligible local government in the State; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2020, Governor DeSantis announced the State of Florida’s plan to disburse up to \$1.275 billion in CARES Act funds to counties with a population below 500,000 through the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and stated that all counties, including counties that already received direct payment from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, should provide funds to municipalities located within their jurisdiction on a reimbursement basis for expenditures eligible under the CARES Act and related guidance; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken necessary and costly steps to mitigate and respond to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on our community, including hosting a testing site and engaging in other reimbursable activities during the eligible period that runs from March 1, 2020 to December 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these activities, though necessary, caused the City to incur expenditures that were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the expenditures incurred by the City were procured following federal guidelines and are eligible expenditures as outlined in the Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City is now seeking financial assistance in the form of reimbursements and grants to address the unbudgeted expenditures and financial risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, other municipalities within the County have also experienced unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, in conversations with the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the County committed to transferring CARES Act funds to reimburse eligible expenditures to municipalities within the County;

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

SECTION 1. 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 Coral Gables City Commission urges Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and the Board of County Commissioners to transfer CARES Act funds to the City and to other municipalities within the County based on population.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D.,
2020.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)

(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Mena, Fors, Jr., Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-1)

APPROVED:



RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY