



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 10, 2010**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a grant through the 2009-2011 Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant Program in sum of \$24,000.00 for purpose of trimming street trees; and further authorizing the execution of a grant memorandum of agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY MANAGER:**

Approval

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

As part of the funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Federal Government through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is offering grant funding for projects that improve the health of American forests. In the grant proposal the City is proposing a specialized pruning program targeted at improving the structure of newly planted City trees in order to train them for proper future growth. The City is requesting \$24,000.00 and no matching funding is required.

The administration will need to sign a Grant Memorandum of Agreement which serves as the contract between the City and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and is required of any successful grant recipient.

**APPROVED BY:**

Department Director	City Attorney (If Applicable)	City Manager

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Draft Grant Memorandum of Understanding