



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Miami-Dade County (MDC) 2020 Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant Program

Date: December 10, 2019

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager, to apply for, and if awarded, expend budgeted funds for the 2020 Street Tree Matching Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$41,470 to assist in funding the Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 4 Project. The Town's match source is budgeted under Tree Permitting Revenue and \$41,470 is available for this Project.

Background

The Miami-Dade County Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant Program aims to reach the Million Trees Miami goal of planting one million trees to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy in Miami-Dade County. The Grant engages municipalities, non-profits and community organizations in planting native or Florida-friendly trees on the County's corridors and gateways. The goal of this program is to leverage the County's street tree program by encouraging investments on County or local streets. Grants will be awarded to those communities who can demonstrate the greatest benefits for residents, employers and visitors. Agencies are invited to submit applications for projects that can be developed for Fiscal Year 2020.

The Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant will assist the Town in funding the Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 4 Project. The Project's goals are to enhance tree canopy, provide shade, and create memorable landscape aesthetics in an area of the Town in desperate need of canopy trees. The Project will plant an estimated 130 Florida Friendly trees from a variety of species at various locations to include:

- 1) NW 144th Terrace, between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue
- 2) NW 145th Street, between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue

3) NW 145th Lane, between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue

4) NW 147th Lane, between NW 87th Avenue and NW 89th Avenue

5) NW 88th Place, between NW 147th Lane and NW 148th Terrace

The Project is estimated at \$82,940. The Grant requires a 50% local match and no more than 50% of the total project costs will be awarded to any single applicant. The Town's match source is budgeted under Tree Permitting Revenue and the local match of \$41,470 is available for this Project.

The Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, through Resolution No. R-475-18, directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to develop an interlocal agreement, to be entered into between the County and municipalities located within Miami-Dade County, for municipalities engaged in tree planting to provide periodic reports to the County regarding their tree plantings. In 2019, the Town entered into an interlocal Tree Planting Reporting Agreement with Miami-Dade County. The Agreement is in effect for a three-year period and is included with this Memorandum as "Exhibit A".

Studies show that trees contribute significantly to the environment, human health, energy savings, and quality of life. The Town successfully completed the West Lake Reforestation Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3 Projects in partnership with the Neat Streets Miami Street Tree Matching Grant Program. The Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 4 Project will complete the next phase as part of the Town's Strategic Plan and Beautification Master Plan and will assist Miami-Dade County with reaching its Million Trees Miami goal to achieve a 30 percent tree canopy for Miami-Dade County.

Attachments:

Resolution
Interlocal Tree Planting Reporting Agreement