



TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Miami-Dade County (MDC) 2021 Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant Program

Date: September 15, 2020

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager, to apply for, and if awarded, expend budgeted funds for the 2021 Street Tree Matching Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to assist in funding the Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 5 Project. The total Project is estimated at \$100,000. The Town's match source is budgeted under Tree Permitting Revenue and \$50,000 is available for this Project.

Background

Neat Streets Miami is a multi-jurisdictional county board dedicated to the maintenance and beautification of transportation corridors, gateways, and connections. The Miami-Dade County Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant Program aims to reach the Million Trees Miami goal of achieving a 30 percent tree canopy County-wide. Funded by Miami-Dade County, this grant engages municipalities, agencies, non-profits foundations, and community groups in planting native or Florida-friendly trees on streets, including corridors, gateways, bus stops, and connections to school and parks. 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, and are able to provide a stewardship plan to help secure our joint investment. Agencies are invited to submit applications for projects that can be developed for Fiscal Year 2021.

The Neat Streets Miami's Street Tree Matching Grant will assist the Town in funding the Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 5 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 150 Florida Friendly trees from a variety of species at various locations to include, but not limited to:

- 1) NW 152nd Street between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue
- 2) NW 91st Court between NW 152nd Street and NW 151st Street
- 3) NW 152nd Lane between NW 89th Avenue and NW 92nd Avenue
- 4) NW 89th Court between NW 152nd Street and NW 151st Street
- 5) NW 151st Terrace between NW 89th Avenue and NW 88th Court

- 6) NW 88th Court between NW 152nd Street and NW 151st Street
- 7) NW 87th Place between NW 149th Terrace and NW 150th Terrace
- 8) NW 150th Terrace between NW 87th Avenue and NW 87th Court

The total Project is estimated at \$100,000. 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 \$50,000 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 Project Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 in partnership with the Neat Streets Miami Street Tree Matching Grant Program. The Miami Lakes West Lake Reforestation Phase 5 Project will complete this 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