

# Town of Cutler Bay

Town Hall 10720 Caribbean Blvd Cutler Bay, FL 33189

#### Memorandum

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council

**From:** Rafael G. Casals, Town Manager

**Date:** March 21, 2018

Re: 2018 Neat Streets Miami Street Tree Matching Grant Award

#### **REQUEST**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A 2018 NEAT STREETS MIAMI STREET TREE MATCHING GRANT AWARD; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Funding Source: 2018 Neat Streets Miami Street Tree Matching Grant Program

**Project Title:** Cutler Bay Street Tree Reforestation Project

**Amount Awarded:** \$14,500.00

**Match Required:** \$14,500.00 (\$13,500 cash/\$1,000 in-kind)

Neat Streets Miami is a Miami-Dade County board dedicated to the maintenance and beautification of transportation gateways, corridors and connections. The board's Million Trees Miami campaign has a goal of 1 million trees planted by 2020 and a 30 percent tree canopy throughout Miami-Dade County. In order to reach this goal, Street Trees Matching Grant program, funded by Miami-Dade County, engages municipalities, non-profits and community organizations in planting native or Florida-friendly trees on Miami-Dade's corridors and gateways. Grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 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 for our joint investment.

On January 31, 2018, the Town submitted a grant application requesting funding on behalf of the Public Works Department. Neat Streets Miami has awarded the Town a \$14,500 matching grant ("Grant") to plant approximately thirty-seven (37) Live Oak Trees on the swale and public right-of-way of various local and/or county roads throughout the Town. These trees will replace those lost during Hurricane Irma and funds to match the Grant will come from the Public Works Department 2017-2018 budget.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that the attached Resolution be adopted, authorizing the Town Manger to execute Fiscal Year 2018 Neat Streets Miami Street Tree Matching Grant contract in the amount of \$14,500.00 and take all actions necessary to implement the Grant.