

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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Meeting Date: Wed., October 17, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
(305 289-6000)

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of Resolution requesting that the Florida Department of Children and Families restore funding for emergency shelter grant proposal number 06F07KS3, to provide operational funding for Samuel's House.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Samuel's House has provided housing and care coordination for women-in-crisis, homeless women, and women with children in Key West since 1999, and over the past eight years, Samuel's House has continued to expand and improve services and facilities for homeless women and their children, including more beds, and additional services to help clients become self-sufficient. During the grant review process for FY 2008, Florida Department of Children Families Emergency Shelter Grant Proposal Number 06F07KS3, submitted by Samuel's House, was not awarded full funding, reportedly due to a two point difference in the award process. Samuel's House was awarded only \$23,906 of the \$200,000 in funding requested from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RESTORE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROPOSAL NUMBER 06F07KS3, TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR SAMUEL'S HOUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Samuel's House has provided housing and care coordination for women-in-crisis, homeless women, and women with children in Key West since 1999; and

WHEREAS, over the past eight years, Samuel's House has continued to expand and improve services and facilities for homeless women and their children, including more beds, and additional services to help clients become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, during the grant review process for FY 2008, Florida Department of Children and Families Emergency Shelter Grant Proposal Number 06F07KS3, submitted by Samuel's House, was not awarded full funding, reportedly due to a two point difference in the award process; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's House was awarded only \$23,906 of the \$200,000 in funding requested from the Florida Department of Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, Samuel's House has received State funding for seven (7) years, and relies upon both public and private grants to provide service to the community; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$102,000 is essential to cover operating expenses for Samuel's House, and ensure that Samuel's House will continue to provide services in the City of Key West and Monroe County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida acknowledges that the services provided by Samuel's House are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Key West and Monroe County, Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Florida Department of Children and Families is hereby urged to restore funding for Emergency Shelter Grant Proposal Number 06F07KS3 in the amount of \$102,000.

Section 2: That the Clerk of the Court for Monroe County, Florida is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the State of Florida Department of Children and Families Office on Homelessness, State Representative Ron Saunders and State Senator Larcenia Bullard.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida and attestation by the Monroe County Clerk of the Court.

Passed and adopted by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held this 17th day of October, 2007.

Mayor Di Gennaro _____
Mayor Pro Tem Spehar _____
Commissioner McCoy _____
Commissioner Murphy _____
Commissioner Neugent _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor Mario Di Gennaro

(Seal)

ATTEST: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS T
Suzanne A. [Signature]
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COUNTY AT
Date 10/18/07