

RESOLUTION No. 2010-03-1185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A "SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM" APPLICATION DRIVE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, many of the City's small businesses are suffering due to the current economic downturn, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has established a Business Incentive Program, and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has received forty (40) applications for assistance and has disbursed approximately Three-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) in funding to these businesses, and

WHEREAS, to date, all of these funds have been utilized for façade improvements; however, funds can also be utilized to assist smaller businesses with aesthetic improvements, including signage, space expansion, working capital, and inventory, and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the availability of the available "micro loans" under the existing program, Councilman André Williams is proposing that the City host a "Small Business Incentive Program" Application Drive in the City of Miami Gardens to be held in City Hall, Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the event will be to educate the City of Miami Gardens small businesses about the existence of the Program and to boost participation from smaller business owners within the City,

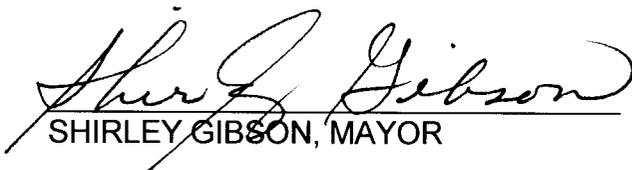
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the hosting of a "Small Business Incentive Program" Breakfast Workshop and Application Drive to be held in City Hall, Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2010.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ANDRÉ WILLIAMS

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Gilbert  
SECOND BY: Councilwoman Watson

**VOTE: 6-0**

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilwoman Barbara Watson	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>    </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)(not present)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>  X  </u> (Yes)	<u>    </u> (No)



## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<i>January 13, 2010</i>		<b>Item Type:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
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<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	N/A		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
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<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	Councilman Andre Williams		<b>Department:</b>	<i>Mayor and Council</i>			

**Short Title:**

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**Staff Summary:**

Many businesses are suffering due to the economic downturn. Small businesses have been hardest hit due to their inability to obtain bank loans for operational needs. The City of Miami Gardens Business Incentive Program was established by Council on July 23, 2008 and to date the City has received forty (40) applications for assistance. Because of these applications, the Community Development Department disbursed \$349,000 worth of assistance to projects large in scope.

While the program thus far has been utilized for high dollar value façade improvements, the incentive program also provides for smaller financing amounts (\$10,000 and under) for businesses with five employees or less. Funds received under this program can be used for aesthetic improvements, new signage, space expansion, working capital, and inventory.

To be eligible, the business must:

- Meet financial underwriting criteria
- Be a for profit business
- Be located in eligible census tract

**ITEM J-4) CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTION  
Small Business Incentive Program**

- Hire low-income individuals
- Meet all applicable HUD Guidelines

In an effort to promote, the availability of “micro loans” under the existing program, Councilman Andre Williams is proposing a Small Business Incentive Program Application Day in the City of Miami Gardens. The event will be held in the City Hall Council Chamber on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

The purpose of this event will be to educate City of Miami Gardens small businesses about the existence of the program and boost participation from smaller business owners in the City.

**Proposed Action:**

Councilman Andre Williams recommends approval of the attached resolution supporting a Small Business Incentive Program Application day in the City of Miami Gardens.

**Attachment:**

Attachment A: Small Business Program Flyer

# Financial assistance to small businesses

## *BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM*

*Eligible businesses may  
receive up to \$10,000!*

*\*to be eligible, the  
business must:*

- Meet financial underwriting criteria
- Be a for profit business
- Be located in eligible census tract
- Hire low-income individuals
- Meet all applicable HUD guidelines

### **To Register for the Workshop**

#### **Please Contact**

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GARDENS-COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT

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Miami Gardens, FL. 33169



## SMALL BUSINESS LOAN WORKSHOP & APPLICATION DRIVE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010

8:30 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### **Are you a small business with 5 employees or less?**

Many businesses are suffering due to the economic downturn. Small businesses have been hardest hit due to their inability to obtain bank loans for their operational needs. The City wants to help!

If you are a small business\* located in Miami Gardens, the City wants to help you during these difficult economic times.

Hiring local residents can now put dollars in your pocket! Funds received under this program can be used for: **façade improvements, new signage, space expansion, working capital, and inventory.**

