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Please make your voice heard to support Community Based Organizations.

August 31, 2010

→ Support Community-Based Organizations: Contact Your County Commissioner

- Miami-Dade County Mayor Alvarez has proposed to significantly reduce future funding for community based organizations (CBOs) in his FY 2010-11 budget.
- While full funding for CBOs will be extended through April 1, 2011, the overall funding that will be available for CBOs from April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 will be reduced by 25 percent from the current level.
- Funding to CBOs currently includes approximately \$860,000 for vital social services provided by our Federation's partner agencies, including the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., the Miami Jewish Health Systems, and the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center.

It is critical to let your Miami-Dade County Commissioner know the impact that county funding has on the provision of vitally needed services by Federation partner agencies to the most vulnerable among us:

- senior day care centers
- recreation and wellness services to seniors
- shopping programs for homebound seniors
- distribution of homebound meals
- home care services to frail elderly
- case management services to seniors emerging from accidents or hospitalization
- emergency home repair programs for seniors
- adult transportation
- youth empowerment programs for at-risk teenagers and their families
- counseling and support for sexual minority youths
- information, referral, and outreach services to newly arrived immigrants
- homeless outreach and prevention programs
- vocational and educational programs for troubled youth
- psychiatric in-patient care

We urge you to call and e-mail your Commissioner to request that full funding for community-based organizations in the county's FY 2010-11 budget be maintained.

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→ Attend Public Hearing

The County Commission will hold two public hearings on the Mayor's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget:

September 13

**Commission Chambers
5 PM - 11:30 PM**

September 23*

**Commission Chambers
5 PM - 11:30 PM**

The Stephen P. Clark Center (111 NW 1st ST, in downtown Miami)

*Please note that the second hearing coincides with the Jewish holiday of *Sukkot*; therefore the Board of County Commissioners has been asked to ensure that Jewish organizations be given the opportunity to provide comments during the first hearing.

→ Respond to the *Action Alert*

The ***Action Alert*** is designed to educate the Jewish community. This update does not necessarily represent the views of the JCRC or the Jewish Federation of Greater Miami. To respond to the ***Action Alert***, contact [Lori Dearman](mailto:LDearman@gmjf.org) at LDearman@gmjf.org.



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