

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2733.21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (LETF) MONIES TO MAKE A \$5,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town desires to make a \$5,000 contribution to the Florida International University (FIU) First Generation Scholars Program to provide financial support to qualified undergraduate students who are the first generation in their families to attain a college degree; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Gift First Generation Scholarships are need-based scholarships for juniors and seniors living in a surrounding five-mile radius of FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) who are on track for graduation and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Golden Gift First Generation Scholars Program is to increase and improve graduation rates of students living in the surrounding community of the Biscayne Bay Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to utilize LETF funds to pay for this contribution; and

WHEREAS, the monies contained in the LETF are the result of seized assets from both investigations by the Town's Police Department and joint investigations with other law enforcement agencies – not from tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that the \$5,000 cost be taken from the Town's LETF for "**other law enforcement purposes**" specifically authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that this expenditure complies with § 932.7055, Florida Statutes, and / or the Federal Seizure statutes in that the funds will be used for an appropriate law enforcement purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF is not being used as a normal source of revenue for the Town Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police certifies that the Town's LETF was not considered in the adoption and approval of the Police Department budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to proceed as indicated in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. \$5,000 Contribution to FIU is Authorized. That the contribution of \$5,000 to the FIU First Generation Scholars Program and the use of LETF funds to make the contribution are hereby authorized and approved.

Section 3. Implementation. That the Mayor and Town Manager are authorized to take any and all action which is necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by **Town Administration.**

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 16th day March, 2021.




MAYOR GLENN SINGER

ATTEST:



LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2021

Item Number:

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

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From: Alexander Diaz,
Town Manager

Subject: **Resolution No. 2733.21 – Use of LETF Monies to Make a \$5,000 Contribution to the Florida International University (FIU) First Generation Scholars Program**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2733.21 as presented.

Request:

It is requested the Town authorize the use of LETF monies to make a contribution to the Florida International University (FIU) First Generation Scholars Program in the amount of \$5,000 to provide financial support to qualified undergraduate students who are the first generation in their families to attain a college degree.

Background:

The Golden Gift First Generation Scholarships are need-based scholarships for juniors and seniors living in a surround five-mile radius of FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC). These students are on track for graduation and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Each student receives a \$2,500 scholarship from a Golden Gift Donor, which is matched by the State of Florida; currently the State matches 2:1 for a total of \$7,500.

The goal of the Golden Gift Program is to increase and improve graduation rates of students living in the surrounding community of the Biscayne Bay Campus. First Generation scholarships empower students to create opportunities that lead to a better life.

Financial Impact:

\$5,000.00 from the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Attachments: Agenda Item Resolution, & LETF Affidavit