
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Ethics Opinion (Limitations on Doing Business with The County) INQ 15-34
Attachments: 2015 Request for Opinion on Ethics Commission for Geraldine Lazarre.pdf; INQ 15-34 Lazarre.pdf

INQ 15-34 Lazarre

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:55 PM
To: Gerri Lazarre (GLazarre@TrimergeCPA.com)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Ceden, Rachel (COE)
Subject: Ethics Opinion (Limitations on Doing Business with The County) INQ 15-34

Dear Ms. Lazarre:

Attached is the Mom and Pop Grant Opinion. Please note that it indicates that you may accept a Mom and Pop Grant as long as the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board and the Jackson Health System General Obligation Bond Citizens Advisory Committee are not involved in any way in processing or administering the grant. Further, you may not lobby for the grant. (See the County Ethics Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (c) and (m)(1).).

I will send you the original letter via regular mail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney



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From: Gerri Lazarre [<mailto:GLazarre@TrimergeCPA.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 6:00 PM

To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Subject: RE: Ethics Opinion (- Limitations on Doing Business with The County) INQ 14-113

Hello Gilma, I hope you are well.

I am reapplying for the Miami Dade County Mom and Pops grant, please see my request for opinion from you division.

I currently sit on two boards:

1. Miami Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board
2. Jackson Health System GOB Citizens' Advisory Committee

I have attached the application included in the Mom and Pops grant to request the opinion letter from your department.

Please let me know if you need additional information from me.

Best regards,

Gerri



From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) [<mailto:GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 11:28 AM

To: Gerri Lazarre

Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)

Subject: Ethics Opinion (- Limitations on Doing Business with The County) INQ 14-113

Dear Ms. Lazarre:

Attached is the Limitations on Doing Business with the County Ethics Opinion letter. Please note that it indicates that your board service with the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) does not prohibit you from entering into a contract with the County as long as BAAB has no oversight over your county contract(s). You may print this letter and submit it to procurement. I will send you the original letter via regular mail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 2015

Geraldine Lazzarre
TriMerge Consulting Group, P.A.
39 NW 166 Street, Suite # 1
Miami, FL 33169

*Please submit this letter to
Neighbors and Neighbors
Association, Inc. The Ethics
Commission does not submit
this letter on your behalf.*

Re: INQ 15-34, Mom & Pop Grant

Dear Ms. Lazzarre:

You asked if the County Ethics Code would prevent your privately owned company, TriMerge Consulting Group, P.A., from accepting a Mom & Pop Grant funded through Commissioner Jean Monestime's District 2 Office. You serve as the Chair of the Miami-Dade Black Affairs Advisory Board (BAAB) and on the Jackson Health System General Obligation Bond Citizens Advisory Committee (JMH / GOB, Citizen's Advisory Committee).


Briefly, your company may ***accept grants as long as BAAB and the JMH / GOB, Citizen's Advisory Committee are not involved in any way in processing or administering the grant. You may not lobby for the grant.*** See the County Ethics Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (c) and (m)(1)

Be advised that the County Ethics Commission has interpreted lobbying very expansively when applied to County employees. This means that you may not contact anyone within the County (or anyone working on behalf of the County, including Hialeah Dade Development) in an attempt to influence his/her decision about the grant you are seeking.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Inquiries regarding possible conflicts under state law should be directed to the State of Florida Commission on Ethics.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Gilma Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney

Copies:
Commissioner Jean Monestime
900 NE 125th, Suite 200
Miami, FL 33161

Request for Opinion from Commission on Ethics Acquiring Financial Interest

I, Geraldine Lazzarre, the owner or president of
(Owner or President Name)

TriMerge Consulting Group, PA, whose business address is
(Business Name)

39 NW 166 Street, Suite #1, Miami, FL 33169,
(Business Address, City, State, Zip)

(305) 940-5344
(Phone #)

GLazzarre@TriMergeCPA.com
(Email)

Include a short description of the type of business operating Certified
public accountants and consultants.

Are you currently an employee or board member of Miami Dade County? Yes X No

If yes, what Department or Board? Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board & Jackson Health System General Obligation Bond Citizens' Advisory Committee

If yes, are you seeking to contract with Miami Dade County? Yes X No:

*We may apply for contracts but not at this time.
JGL
2/19/15*

I am being considered for funding through the Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program and request the clearance from the Commission on Ethics. Please review my request and forward to Neighbors And Neighbors Association, Inc. to the attention of Leroy Jones, Executive Director, 180 NW 62nd St., Miami, FL 33150 or fax (305) 756-6008. Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.

Name and address of your County Commissioner

Commissioner Jean Morestine
900 NE 125 St, Suite 200, Miami, FL 33161

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