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Re: INQ 12-12, Mom & Pop Grant

MICHAEL P. MURAWSKI
ADVOCATE

Dear Ms. Jeune:

You asked if the County Ethics Code would prevent you from accepting a Mom & Pop Grant provided through Commissioner Sally Heyman's District 4 Office in light of your advisory board service on the Black Affairs Advisory Board.

The County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (m)(2) prohibits a County board member from making a presentation or seeking any benefits for herself or others from the board on which she serves. Since the Black Affairs Advisory Board would not be involved in any aspect of the Mom & Pop Grant, you have no ethics conflicts under the County Ethics Code based on the facts you presented.

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,


VICTORIA FRIGO
Staff Attorney