GOP Nearer Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH — UPI) — Miami Beach Mayor Chuck Hall returned home last night from a day of meetings in Washington with a federal offer of \$550,000 in grants for security if the Republican National Convention comes here this summer.

Hall said the offer from Jerris Leonard, head of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, could be the deciding factor in winning a formal bid for the convention from the city council here Wednesday. The bid is the last stumbling block to making Miami Beach host for both party conventions.

Hall, city manager Clifford O'Key, and councilman Herbert Magnes met with Leonard, as well as GOP leaders yesterday.

Hall said, "the LEAA is willing to make an offer of \$550,000 in grants which is the amount it offered to San Diego. They have also said they will cooperate with things such as paying overtime to police and other planning measures — now we have to talk to the Governor."