

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 16, 2024

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving 2025 state legislative guiding principles, priorities, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5’s \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) \_\_\_\_) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-16-24

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES, PRIORITIES, RESOLUTIONS  
URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS, AND  
PRIORITIES OF THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 session of the Florida Legislature is scheduled to begin on March 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, seven weeks of committee meetings leading up to the 2025 session begin the week of December 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative agendas, respectively, to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directs that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental legislative requests for approval by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, at the July 16, 2024 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-700-24, which approved 18 state legislative priorities for the 2025 session; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2025 state legislative guiding principles, priorities, Board “urging” resolutions enacted through and including the October 1, 2024 Board meeting, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves for the 2025 session the state legislative guiding principles, priorities, resolutions urging the Florida Legislature adopted by the Board through and including the October 1, 2024 Board meeting, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Property Appraiser and the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

**Section 2.** Directs the County’s state lobbyists to advocate for the issues set forth in section 1 above for the 2025 session.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty  
Javier Zapata  
Michael J. Mastrucci



## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Home Rule and Preemption:** *SUPPORT* preservation of local home rule; *OPPOSE* any effort to preempt local authority.

**State Funding, Cost Shifts and Unfunded Mandates:** *SUPPORT* preservation of existing state funding for County programs. *OPPOSE* any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the state to the County, and any reductions in County revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state. *OPPOSE* any measure that would adversely affect County revenues, including measures affecting or relating to property taxes.

**Protect Previous State Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as the previous year.

**Promote Partnerships:** *SUPPORT* partnerships with the state, other counties, municipalities, statewide associations, and any other entity that would help create favorable outcomes for the County.

## **CRITICAL STATE PRIORITIES**

*At the July 16, 2024 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-700-24 which identified the following 2025 Critical State Priorities:*

**Home Rule and Preemption:** **SUPPORT** preservation of local home rule; **OPPOSE** any effort to preempt local authority.

**SMART Program:** **SUPPORT** advancement of funding for Miami-Dade’s Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Program of premium mass transit corridors (North, Northeast, Beach, and East-West) and ensure that legislation affecting formula funding and match programs favors mass transit solutions.

**Transportation Infrastructure Project Funding:** **SUPPORT** legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects.

**Affordable and Workforce Housing:** **SUPPORT** sustained and increased funding for affordable and workforce housing; **SUPPORT** changes to the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program to allow housing projects targeting households with incomes up to 120 percent of area median income to participate in the Community Workforce Housing Loan Program; **SUPPORT** extension of the Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Surtax Program, currently scheduled to sunset on October 1, 2031.

**Municipal Water Surcharge:** **SUPPORT** legislation that would prohibit municipal water and sewer utilities from imposing a surcharge on customers residing in a municipality where the utility’s facilities are located.

**Transportation Planning Organization (TPO):** **SUPPORT** the TPO 2025 State legislative priorities.

**Greater Miami Expressway Authority (GMX):** **REVISE** GMX appointment requirements to expand the persons eligible for appointment by the County Commission.

**New Waste-To-Energy Facility:** **SUPPORT** the appropriation of funding for the construction of a new waste-to-energy facility in Miami-Dade County.

**Clerk/Custodian of Records:** **SUPPORT** legislation increasing the fees for documents filed with the Clerk in the capacity of custodian of records.

**Homeowner Assistance to Connect Sanitary Sewers:** **SUPPORT** funding to help homeowners with the private property cost of constructing and connecting to sanitary sewer laterals.

**Septic Systems:** *SUPPORT* sustained funding to address failing septic systems and convert compromised septic systems to centralized sewer infrastructure to protect public health and water quality.

**Biscayne Bay Water Quality Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* sustained funds in the grant program to address water quality challenges. Projects may include stormwater management, wastewater, and other projects.

**Anti-Violence Initiatives:** *SUPPORT* matching funds for the Miami-Dade Peace and Prosperity programs to reduce community violence and support communities suffering its disproportionate impacts.

**Planning Objectives:** *OPPOSE* any bill filed that would preempt or prevent local governments from accomplishing planning objectives protected under local home rule authority.

**Funding of Aviation Capital Projects:** *SUPPORT* full funding of Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five-Year Work Program. *OPPOSE* any efforts to reduce or redirect funds in the Work Program or Aviation Grants Program.

**Beach Erosion Control:** *SUPPORT* consistent and dedicated annual funding for Statewide beach erosion control.

**Enhance Florida's Commitment to Early Childhood Education:** *SUPPORT* expanded funding for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Education Program sufficient to cover the cost of a full-day Pre-Kindergarten Program.

**Small Wireless Facilities/5G:** *REPEAL* State law preemption of local government regulation of small wireless facilities, also referred to as 5G equipment, restore local authority to regulate 5G towers.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTIONS**

*Resolutions adopted through the October 1 Board meeting*

**R-887-23:** Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to clarify that public lodging establishments may not charge hourly rates or rates of less or more than one hour or other fractional increments, and to revise the preemption provision in chapter 509 to specifically permit local governments to enforce the statutory prohibition relating to such rates (Garcia)

**R-931-23:** Urging the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature to appropriate additional and increased funds on a recurring basis for seaweed removal on beaches located in Miami-Dade County (Higgins)

**R-461-24:** Urging the Florida Legislature to align the penalties imposed on vessel operators who flee the scene of an accident with those applicable to vehicular drivers (Regalado)

**R-515-24:** Urging the Florida Legislature to repeal the state law preemption of local government regulation of small wireless facilities, also referred to as 5G equipment, or, alternatively, to restore and/or provide local authority to: (1) determine the design and overall aesthetic of the public rights-of-way and other public spaces that each local government is responsible for managing and to allow for the regulation of the location where small wireless facilities may be installed; (2) require any companies intending to install poles or other small wireless facilities to provide notice to the public and an opportunity to comment on any intended installation of such facilities; and (3) require the removal of obsolete small wireless facilities or/and poles and the restoration of the right-of-way; further restating and reaffirming resolution no. R-932-23 and urging the Florida Legislature to repeal section 556.101(3)(d)4, Florida Statutes, to allow local governments to regulate the removal of paint or other markings used to identify underground facilities, or, alternatively, repeal section 556.101(3)(d)3, Florida Statutes, to provide local governments greater ability to regulate the type of paint or other markings used to identify underground facilities, or to enact similar legislation consistent with the above (Regalado/Rodriguez/Higgins/Steinberg – adopted as critical priority, see above)

**R-557-24:** (1) Urging the United States Congress to take affirmative measures to increase state participation in the Summer EBT program and expand access to the Non-Congregate Summer Meals program by extending eligibility to urban and suburban

areas, (2) Urging Governor Ronald D. DeSantis and the Florida Legislature to opt into the Summer EBT program and implement expansive non-congregate meal services to maximize the number of children reached and meals served during the summer months (Bastien)

**R-772-24:** Urging the Florida Legislature to authorize a tax refund or other tax incentive to local businesses which provide customer service training to their employees (Garcia)

**R-780-24:** Urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would reform the current laws applicable to condominiums in a way that promotes both affordability and safety (Gonzalez)

**R-781-24:** Governor/Legislature: Oppose the further development and degradation of Oleta River State Park (Steinberg)

**R-820-24:** Urging the Florida Legislature to amend boating safety laws to promote safety, prevent accidents, and ensure that violators are brought to justice (Cohen Higgins)

**R-895-24:** Governor/Attorney General: Urging President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., United States Attorney General Merrick Garland, Governor Ron DeSantis, and Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody to take all necessary and available legal action to hold all culpable parties accountable for the murders of Carlos Costa, Armando Alejandro, Jr., Mario de la Peña and Pablo Morales (Cabrera)

## **DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA**

### ***Policy Area: Transportation and Ports***

#### **Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)**

**SMART Program:** *SUPPORT* advancement of funding for Miami-Dade’s Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit Program of premium mass transit corridors (North, Northeast, Beach, and East-West) and ensure that legislation affecting formula funding and match programs favors mass transit solutions, see priorities above.

**Transportation Infrastructure Project Funding:** *SUPPORT* legislation that provides opportunities for increased and alternative revenue sources for transportation infrastructure projects, see priorities above.

**Vision Zero Safety Improvements - Grand Avenue between Jefferson Street and Plaza Street:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding to facilitate the engineering, design, and construction of safety improvements adjacent to George Washington Carver Elementary School and George Washington Carver Middle School, which was identified through the Vision Zero Framework as one of the top 100 high crash sites in Miami-Dade County. These safety countermeasures will help eliminate the number of fatalities and serious injuries taking place on this street near the two schools. The improvements will include the installation of rapid flashing beacons, high-visibility crosswalks, bulb outs, and upgrading existing traffic signal countdown timers.

**Vision Zero Safety Improvements - SW 2 Street between SW 1 Avenue and NW North River Drive:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding to facilitate the engineering, design, and construction of identified safety improvements on a busy corridor in downtown Miami, which was identified through the Vision Zero Framework as one of the top 100 high crash sites in Miami-Dade County. These safety countermeasures will help eliminate the number of fatalities and serious injuries taking place along the busy corridor. The improvements will include an extension of downtown bike lanes, high-visibility crosswalks, including traffic signal countdown timers, and American Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps, enhancing safety conditions at the intersections.

**Colonial Drive Roadway Resurfacing:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding for a roadway resurfacing project along SW 160 Street (Colonial Drive) from US-1 to SW 112 Avenue to improve driving conditions by providing increased reliability and safety along the thoroughfare. This resurfacing project will mitigate recurring pavement maintenance which occurs due to the poor state of the asphalt and provide much-needed

improvements to a roadway that serves as one of the area's primary corridors connecting residents, schools, and businesses.

**Safety Improvements along SW 328 Street from Entrance to Homestead Bayfront Park to SW 117 Ave:** *SUPPORT* funding for canal stabilization and guardrail safety improvements along SW 328 Street. The scope of the work includes repair, restoration and stabilization of the canal bank erosion. There is an immediate need to restore canal bank and erosion control to protect the canal from pollutants that are harmful to water quality and flood control throughout the canal network. The canal along SW 328 Street has experienced widespread erosion. The erosion comprises the structural integrity of the roadway that is located parallel to the canal. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the canal bank, as well as provide an increased reliability and safety to the corridor.

**Roadway Resurfacing along NW 17 Avenue from NW 20 Street to NW 36 Street:** *SUPPORT* funding to address deteriorating road conditions and improve roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of the work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.

**Roadway Resurfacing along NW 74 Avenue from NW 44 Street to NW 74 Street:** *SUPPORT* funding to address deteriorating road conditions and improve roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of the work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.

**Roadway Resurfacing along SW 142 Avenue from SW 42 Street to SW 56 Street:** *SUPPORT* funding to address the deteriorating road conditions and improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of the work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.

**Roadway Resurfacing along SW 96 Street from SW 137 Avenue to SW 147 Avenue:** *SUPPORT* funding to address the deteriorating road conditions and improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of the work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.

**Rickenbacker Causeway, Hobie Island and Virginia Key Beach South Roadway and Shoreline Protection:** *SUPPORT* funding for a resiliency project, with the project site being approximately 9,500 linear feet of shoreline on Hobie Island and Virginia Key. The shoreline has been deteriorating from past storms and king tides water elevation. This project includes new seawall, riprap, marine mattress, and landscape for roadway and shoreline protection, aimed at promoting resiliency and sustainability to mitigate sea level rise. To protect the causeway shoreline, a total of 3,085 linear feet of new sheet pile bulkhead, 3,000 tons of armour rock revetment, and approximately 108,000 tons of beach sand are proposed. Miami-Dade County is committed to becoming a more resilient County. Such efforts are geared at ensuring that everyone in our community can enjoy access to Hobie Island South, Virginia Key and other beaches for generations to come. The project's design phase has been funded. The construction phase is unfunded, with Rickenbacker Operating/proprietary funds covering the local match.

### **Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD)**

**Funding of Aviation Capital Projects:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of full funding for Aviation capital projects included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Five-Year Work Program. *OPPOSE* any efforts to reduce or redirect funds in the Work Program or Aviation Grants Program. The proposed FY 2025 Work Program includes \$25,939,674 in grant funds for Miami-Dade County aviation projects. Full funding of Aviation Capital Projects aligns with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Aircraft Sales and Lease Tax:** *SUPPORT* efforts, such as HB 269 (2024) and SB 264 (2024), to reduce or eliminate State sales tax on the sale or lease of aircraft in Florida to better position the County to attract additional aircraft transactions and compete with surrounding states that have already taken similar action.

**Aviation Fuel Taxes:** *SUPPORT* a sustainable State Transportation Trust Fund to help finance the increasing capital needs of Florida airports, including the County's Aviation System. *OPPOSE* any reductions or repeal of the Aviation Fuel Tax.

### **PortMiami**

**Florida Port Council's Legislative Agenda:** *MONITOR* and *SUPPORT* the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing dedicated State and federal funding sources for Florida seaports.

**Off-Dock Intermodal Logistics Yard:** *SUPPORT* funding for an Off-Dock Logistics Yard at Airport West, which will provide an additional land area for PortMiami's island-constrained site and its growing international container movement traffic.

**North Bulkhead Improvement Project:** *SUPPORT* funding for a portion of the cost to replace the North Bulkhead, which is PortMiami's 7,200 linear feet of cruise berths that are reaching the end of their useful life.

### ***Policy Area: Environment and Resilience***

#### **Department of Emergency Management (DEM)**

**Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations - Backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Technology Project:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding to build a backup EOC in Miami-Dade County. In the event of a catastrophic failure to Miami-Dade County's primary EOC, DEM would be required to establish operations at an alternate location with equivalent resources and capacities. DEM has already designated a location for a backup EOC and this funding, if appropriated, will help to make Miami-Dade County community safer.

**Deployable Command and Control Facility:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding to build a deployable command-and-control facility provides the ability to establish operational command centers in various locations across the County quickly. This mobility is particularly crucial in disaster response or emergency situations where a fixed facility may not be available or accessible. A deployable command and control facility allows for more effective adaptation to rapidly changing circumstances while maintaining command and control capabilities. Additionally, having a deployable facility serves as a backup option in case the primary command-and-control center becomes compromised or inaccessible. In scenarios where the fixed facility is damaged, destroyed, or affected by natural or human-generated disasters, a deployable facility will help ensure uninterrupted command and control operations.

**Flood Control and Prevention System:** *SUPPORT* the commitment of funding to better protect properties and critical infrastructure during major rain events. The increased frequency of extreme rain events in South Florida has led to severe flooding and beach erosion. Additional State support will allow DEM to more effectively deploy and share assets to contain major leaks and sewage spills during extreme weather events. Funding to combat beach erosion aligns with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Mass Gathering and Large-Scale Event Site Safety Equipment:** *SUPPORT* funding for the purchase mobile elevated observation posts for site security and crowd control, as well as mobile vehicle barriers to prevent site access to provide attendee safety. These assets will be made available to Miami-Dade County's municipal

partners for use at local events and will be used at future mass gathering and large-scale events, such as concerts, parades, street parties, and sporting events.

### **Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM)**

**Waste-to-Energy Solid Waste Sustainability Campus: *SUPPORT*** legislation similar to SB 1764 (2022) that provides annual financial assistance grants to Municipal Solid Waste-to-Energy facilities that meet certain requirements for the development of a new waste-to-energy solid waste sustainability campus for the ability to pilot, test, alternative waste processing and recycling technologies for energy production and/or produce end use material(s) as feedstock for the manufacture of new products. The construction of a new waste-to-energy facility aligns with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Waste-to-Energy Generated Electricity: *AMEND*** Fla. Stat. § 366.91 pertaining to renewable energy by expanding the definition of “Customer-owned renewable generation” to allow government-owned waste-to-energy facilities utilizing municipal solid waste as fuel to transmit the energy generated from the waste-to-energy facility to multiple County owned sites that are within the existing utility franchise territory.

**Address Contamination of Recyclable Materials in Contracts: *REPEAL*** HB 73 (2020) that now requires localities to address the contamination of recyclable material in contracts for the collection, transportation, and processing of residential recyclable material.

**HB 7135 (2008) - The 75 Percent Recycling Rule: *MONITOR*** Fla. Stat. § 403.7032 and Fla. Stat. § 366.91, which pertains to municipal solid waste utilized for the production of renewable energy counting toward long-term recycling goal, to ensure that Waste-to-Energy facilities continue to receive renewable credits.

**Enhanced Collection of Illegal Dumping Civil Penalties: *AMEND*** the Florida Litter Law (Fla. Stat. § 403.413) to include a section stating failure to pay civil penalties will result in the clerk of courts adding the name of the violator to the Tax Collector under Fla. Stat. § 320.03, Registration, Duties of Tax Collector, International Registration Plan.

**Shopping Cart Removal Fees, Fines, and Costs: *AMEND*** Fla. Stat. § 506.5131 by imposing an administrative fee to cover the cost of collection and storage of shopping carts removed from the public right-of-way.

**Local Government Compensate Displaced Private Waste Companies: *REPEAL*** SB 694 (2021) that requires local governments to compensate private waste companies for displacement.

**Population-Based Solid Waste Programs Grant Funding:** *SUPPORT* the adoption of legislation that would require equitable allocation of solid waste grants, utilizing a population-based methodology, for programs such as litter control and prevention and electronics recycling that are funded through the waste tire fee and administered through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

**Mattress Industry Stewardship Act:** *SUPPORT* the adoption of legislation to implement a Statewide mandatory disposal fee to be charged at the time of mattress purchases to fund a mattress recycling program.

**Mosquito Control Lab:** *SUPPORT* funding for the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Mosquito Control Lab to provide real-time results to combat mosquito-borne diseases by increasing the effectiveness of mosquito control.

**Pump Station Resiliency Upgrades at the Northeast Transfer Station:** *SUPPORT* funding to modify one of the pump stations to handle future storm events by changing the pumps from above ground to submersible pumps, raising the electrical panels to the surface, and reconfiguring the pipe network.

**Fully Electric Day Cab Truck Tractor with Charging Station:** *SUPPORT* funding for a fully electric day cab truck-tractor to allow the department to test the capabilities of this rapidly improving technology, which generates zero emissions, reduces operating noise, results in zero fuel costs, less maintenance, and the elimination of fuel/oil leaks during transport, thus providing residents a far more environmentally friendly truck.

**Fully Electric Automated Side Loader:** *SUPPORT* funding to test the capabilities of this rapidly improving technology, generating zero emissions, reducing operating noise, lowering fuel and maintenance costs, in addition to eliminating fuel/oil leaks during transport, thus providing residents a far more environmentally friendly truck.

### **Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)**

**Agricultural Land Uses:** *OPPOSE* language promoting the conversion of agricultural land for urban uses or restricting local government review of such applications.

**Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** *OPPOSE* language that would require Miami-Dade County or municipalities within Miami-Dade County to recognize pre-existing zoning approvals in the local government's comprehensive plan.

**Live Local Act Revisions:** *SUPPORT* revisions to the Live Local Act (Fla. Stat. § 125.01055(7)) to provide for greater local control of zoning dependent on data and analysis specific to each jurisdiction, allowing adjustments to be made based on affordability, density, building height and other development regulations and to ensure



community input. These revisions to the Live Local Act align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Streamline Plat Review Process:** *SUPPORT* language that allows for digital final plats and e-signature on final plats, including a one-to-two-year transition period from hard copies to digital, to streamline plat reviews to provide for more efficient processing and reduce the overall timeline.

**Impact Fees:** *OPPOSE* language that would repeal or preempt local impact fee regulations. These revisions align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Removal of Preemption on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations:** *MONITOR* and *SUPPORT* legislation that would remove the preemption on developing rules to provide requirements for EV charging stations (Fla. Stat. § 366.94 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations). *SUPPORT* legislation allowing local jurisdictions to specify where EV charging stations are required, establish minimum number of EV capable parking spots, and process permits for their installation in compliance with the Florida Building Code. These proposed changes align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**“Wind-Borne Debris” Definition:** *MONITOR* legislation affecting the Business and Professional Regulation (Fla. Stat. § 455) and Building Construction Standards (Fla. Stat. § 553). It is anticipated that Fla. Stat. § 455 or Fla. Stat. § 553 may be amended to establish a new definition for “wind-borne debris,” which is currently defined in the Florida Building Code and stems from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7-22 standard. *OPPOSE* any legislation imposing a new definition for “wind-borne debris,” which differs from the ASCE 7-22 definition for use in Florida.

**Local Licensing:** *MONITOR* any additional changes made to local licensing in Fla. Stat. § 489.117 modifying the ability to issue local specialty licenses or modifying the implemented preemptions under SB 1142 (2024), HB 1383 (2023), and HB 735 (2021). *SUPPORT* any action limiting or removing these preemptions and *OPPOSE* any action expanding these preemptions to the remaining local licensing that remain under local authority. *SUPPORT* efforts to allow local jurisdictions to continue issuing local specialty licenses in categories of work associated with construction for compliance with the Florida Building Code or requiring a permit in Florida. These changes align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Continuing Education:** *ADVOCATE* for revisions to Fla. Stat. § 455.2124 to remove the exclusion of building code administrators and inspectors that have held a license under chapter 468 Part XII for at least ten years from continuing education. It is crucial that building code administrators and inspectors obtain continuing education due to the building codes and standards changing periodically.

**Building Permitting, Review, and Inspections:** *MONITOR* new proposals made to the requirements for existing building safety inspections for condominiums, co-ops and any others, and any legislation to amend such inspection requirements in Fla. Stat. § 553.899. *MONITOR* legislation affecting Building Permits - Fla. Stat. § 553 and Product Approval - Fla. Stat. § 553.842 and *MONITOR* changes to the provisions for Alternative Plan Review and Inspection (Private Provider) in Fla. Stat. § 553.791. *ADVOCATE* to: (1) remove the provisions for auditing the private provider; (2) require the private provider to be registered through Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board (BCAIB); and (3) remove the timeframe reduction when an architect or engineer signs the private provider affidavit.

**Private Provider Alternative Plan Review:** *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for changes to Fla. Stat. § 553.791 relating to private provider alternative plan review and inspection to increase the County's ability to monitor private providers. More specifically, *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for returning plan reviews to the previous timeframe (30 days), removing the definition of 'audit' from the applicable statute section, creating a private provider registration with the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, and creating a new Statewide registry for private provider firms. *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for legislation seeking to prevent the further dilution of private provider requirements and the weakening of private provider governance structures of local building departments.

**Preemption of Local Government Tree Authority:** *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* for legislation that seeks to repeal or revise Fla. Stat. §163.045 (Preempting Local Government Tree Authority) to allow the County to manage tree removal regulations to ensure that at risk trees are safely removed, appropriate replacement tree canopy is provided, and the right trees are placed in the right places to promote sustainable tree canopy into the future. These revisions align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**179D Tax Deduction:** *SUPPORT* the restoration of the benefit-sharing provisions under the Commercial Buildings Energy-Efficiency Tax Deduction 179D. HB 7097 (2020) prevents Miami-Dade County from continuing an ongoing partnership process with the private sector that allows us to share financial rebates benefitting from more efficient building designs. This creates financial barriers to the implementation of energy efficiency measures, and additionally represents a loss of crucial revenue to support these programs.

**Boater Safety, Enforcement, and Education:** *SUPPORT* legislation that improves boater safety, increases enforcement on the water, mandates education and licensing for boaters, and reduces the impacts of boating on benthic resources.

**Cooling in Rental Properties:** *SUPPORT* legislation and regulatory changes to require adequate cooling in all rental properties.

**County-Generated Power:** *SUPPORT* legislation, regulations, and policies that facilitate the County to consume power it produces when the producer and consumer of the power are located at distinct sites or meters, and to obtain economically favorable terms for the sale of electricity into the grid.

**Whole Building Data:** *SUPPORT* efforts to authorize the Florida Public Service Commission to require all local utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data for all local governments' largest buildings (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and 50,000 square feet and above for private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives.

**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts for State support and acceptance of federal funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy, including related financing incentives and the provision of any required matching funding.

**Funding for Green Space:** *SUPPORT* legislation that funds the acquisition of high-hazard land for conservation, incorporating additional green space in urban areas, and resilience flood mitigation, which could include funding to State programs, like Florida Forever, Land Conservation Act, and Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972. *OPPOSE* legislation that would cut funding for land acquisition and conservation programs.

**Heat Related Public Health Data:** *SUPPORT* legislation to direct the State Department of Health to develop a dashboard for monitoring heat-related illnesses on a daily and weekly basis by County and Statewide. One example for this was developed by the Virginia Department of Health.

**Nature-Based Solutions for Resilience:** *SUPPORT* legislation that facilitates greater use of natural and nature-based features in private and public development, including through State grant funding and capital project prioritization evaluation criteria, to protect against compound flooding, water quality impacts, storm surge, sea level rise, and extreme heat.

**Net Metering:** *SUPPORT* efforts to maintain existing net metering policies. *OPPOSE* any actions or policies to weaken net metering policies or practices and associated rates.

**Outdoor Worker Heat Protection Standards:** *SUPPORT* the provision of State standards or guidelines for heat stress prevention in the workplace.

**Property and Casualty Insurance:** *SUPPORT* legislation to ensure that policyholders are not de-populated from Citizens without affirmative consent from the policyholder, if the offer from a private insurance company exceeds 20 percent of their Citizens premium. *ADVOCATE* for new options for policyholders to re-enroll in Citizens under

the same terms that would have been available to the policyholder if the policy had never been part of a “takeout.”

**Property Elevation Program:** *SUPPORT* efforts for funding to assist property owners and renters with hazard mitigation assistance, including structural elevations in areas vulnerable to chronic flooding and storm surge to reduce safety and health risks from flood events and repetitive property damage.

**Resilient Land Use and Planning:** *SUPPORT* legislation, regulations, and policies that enable communities to adopt land use, zoning, and planning measures that will reduce, mitigate, avoid repetitive loss property damage and facilitate adaptation to compound flooding and sea level rise. *OPPOSE* legislation that would discourage or hamper resilient land use and planning.

**Water Quality Funding:** *SUPPORT* efforts for sustained funds and expanded funds to address water quality challenges, including, Biscayne Bay Water Quality Grant Program, Water Quality Improvement Grant Program, and Other Funding for Water Quality. Projects may include stormwater management, wastewater and other projects. These revisions align with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Electric Utility Regulations:** *SUPPORT* legislation, policies, regulations, and funding that advance: fuel and energy efficiency; renewable fuels; electrical vehicle and electrical vehicle charging infrastructure expansion; utility rate setting that is fair and equitable for Miami-Dade County residents and consistent with County climate priorities; renewable energy certificates; renewable energy transition; utility storm protection planning; and fair pricing for Miami-Dade County in connection with tariffs and standard offer contracts.

**Risk Mitigation and Insurance Data:** *SUPPORT* legislation, regulations, and policy to support information sharing between insurers and local and State government, including data aggregation and data sharing with respect to implemented wind and flood mitigation measures.

**Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact:** *SUPPORT* the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact’s 2025 State climate, energy and resilience legislative priorities and principles, as approved by the Compact Leadership Committee.

**Funding for Biscayne Bay Restoration Support through Data Analytics and Visualization:** *SUPPORT* the appropriation of funding to analyze the County's and other publicly available data sets in a multivariate approach spatially and temporally to look for patterns and trends in water quality pollution, visualize DEP Grant milestones, visualize said data analysis for managers/decision-makers/scientists/public, inform the County's Reasonable Assurance Plan, support County water quality goals, and inform development of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board's Watershed Plan.

**Talent Attraction and Retention Program and South Florida Economic Research Institute funding:** *SUPPORT* the creation of a new program to help attract and local retain talent by engaging industry-leading companies in targeted sectors in workforce development programs. *SUPPORT* the provision of resources to the South Florida Institute for Economic Research to provide research and data support to the Miami-Dade County Beacon Council, including analysis on current trends impacting the regional economy, as well as annual economic forecasts, for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

**Opportunity Zones:** *SUPPORT* funding to expand investments to include support activities for small and medium sized businesses and residents within opportunity zones (EZs) by adding support and technical activities to the investment in the short-term, mid-term, long-term aspects of each investment.

**Increased Viability of Local Agricultural Industry:** *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE* the Florida legislature and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to aid legislation, programs and/or funding to mitigate the effects of invasive pests, disease, freezes, flooding, windstorm as well as other potential damages to Miami-Dade County's agricultural industry and increases the viability of local farmers should the need arise. The ability to respond quickly and work with State agencies and other groups to mitigate and assist with current and potential unpredictable impacts is imperative. Damage and losses from pests, disease and disasters can occur rapidly in the agricultural industry, and the ability to act quickly is essential.

**Construction of an Air Monitoring Shelter Within the City of Hialeah:** *SUPPORT* the appropriation of funding to construct an air monitoring station, at the Jose Marti Mast Academy located at 5701 W 24th Avenue, Hialeah, FL, and to provide 24/7, real-time reporting of air quality concentrations.

**Gould's Canal Restoration via Landfill Leachate Pollution and Prevention:** *SUPPORT* funding to prevent contaminants from being drawn from the Gould's Canal, which is adjacent to the South Dade Landfill, the L-31E canal, and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands S-705 pump station project.

**Wildfire mitigation and risk reduction:** *SUPPORT* funding to perform fuel reduction, prescribed burn and follow-up within four urban preserves in the southern region of the county, specifically House Districts 118 and 119.

**Rootwells for Flood Mitigation and Water Quality:** *SUPPORT* funding for 20 enhanced root zone wells within flooded and impervious areas for a tree planting that seeks to serve the public and Bay.

**Tree planting at School Sites and Forests in Southern part of Miami-Dade County:** *SUPPORT* funding for tree planting funds to enhance public land, beautification, urban cooling and water management in environmental preserves, schools and government facilities such as Camp Matecumbe, Fuch's Hammock, and Airbase K-8.

**Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project - Phase 2:** *SUPPORT* funding for the design and permitting of Phase 2 of the Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project.

**Funds to Upgrade Air Monitoring Equipment and Network in the Kendall Community:** *SUPPORT* the appropriation of funding to assist in providing replacement infrastructure to improve our air monitoring network and continually collect quality assured data on ambient air concentrations. These funds will primarily be used to replace an existing air monitoring station within our network located at 9015 SW 127th Avenue, Miami, FL, and to provide 24/7, real-time reporting of air quality concentrations.

**Biscayne Gardens Pump Station Retrofit & Improvement Project:** *SUPPORT* funding for the hardening drainage infrastructure, electrical and mechanical components to include installation of conveyance pipe and drainage structures. This project impacts water quality in the Spur #4 Canal watershed basin in Miami-Dade County.

**Miami-Dade County Canal C-6 Basin Improvements Phase 2 - Secondary Canal:** *SUPPORT* funding for improvements to 13 secondary canals (13.74 miles) under Miami-Dade County control, C-6 Basin, including raising top of bank elevations (enhance storage), upgrade culverts (enhance conveyance), and improve outfalls.

**Miami-Dade County Canal C-9 Basin Improvements Phase 3 - Secondary Canal Improvements:** *SUPPORT* funding for improvements to 23 secondary canals (8.8 miles) under Miami-Dade County control, C-9 Basin. Improvements include raising top of bank elevations (enhance storage), upgrade culverts (enhance conveyance), and improve outfalls.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project Lake Belmar:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures for NE 88 Street to NE 90 Street, from NE 10 Ave to NE 9 Ave (Lake Belmar), including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 1,590 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 33 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NE 185 Street from NE 2 CT to NE 190 ST (C-9 Canal):** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures for NE 185 Street, from NE 2 Court to NE 190 Street (Snake Creek C-9 Canal), including the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 1,000 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 15 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NE 189 Street from NE 4 CT to NE 6 Ave:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures for NE 189 Street from NE 4 Court to NE 6 Ave, including the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 730 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 14 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NW 43 Street from NW 72 Ave to NW 69 Ave:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures on NW 43 Street from NW 72 Ave to NW 69 Ave (Dressel's Dairy Canal), including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 700 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 8 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for S. Biscayne River Drive from NW 146 ST to NW 151 Street:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures on South Biscayne River Drive from NW 146 Street to NW 151 Street, including the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 800 liner feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 12 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 16 Street from SW 73 Ave to SW 72 Ave:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures on SW 16 Street, from SW 73 Ave to SW 72 Avenue, including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 550 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and eight drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 37 Ave from SW 24 Street to SW 20 Street:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures on SW 37 Ave, from SW 24 Street to SW 20 Street, including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 300 linear feet

exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and eight drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 71 Lane from SW 143 Place to SW 144 Court:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures for SW 71 Lane from SW 143 Place to SW 144 Court, including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 680 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 12 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

**Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project SW 127 Ave to SW 132 Ave from SW 42 Ter to SW 53 ST:** *SUPPORT* funding for installation and retrofitting of drainage structures on SW 127 Ave to SW 132 Ave from SW 42 Terr to SW 53 Street (Royal Green), including construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 6,750 exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 225 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable.

### **Water and Sewer Department (WASD)**

**Special Designation of Sewer and Water Lines:** *SUPPORT* legislation which seeks to reduce incidents during excavation work by providing a special designation to sewer and water lines, similar to the one already afforded to pipelines transporting petroleum and highly volatile liquids (Fla. Stat. § 556.116) and provide added procedures for excavation work done within 15-feet of County-owned or operated sewer or water lines. Incidents causing property damage to public sewer and water lines during excavation work require the County to re-route crews for emergency repairs that are not only extensive and expensive, but also often completely preventable if excavation crews exercised higher precaution. Damage to lines often results in prolonged service interruption and may pose significant environmental and public health hazards when the damage results in waterway and soil contamination.

**Florida Retirement System (FRS) Benefits for Water and Wastewater Operators:** *SUPPORT* legislation which aims to provide additional benefits to water and wastewater operators to match those provided to other designated first responders. On June 9, 2023, the Governor signed legislation into law designating water and wastewater facility personnel as first responders; however, State retirement benefits were not updated to reflect this designation. The proposed legislation would provide additional benefits to water and wastewater operators to match those provided to other designated first responders.



## ***Policy Area: Community Services***

### **Animal Services Department (ASD)**

**New Animal Shelter:** **SUPPORT** efforts to fully fund the construction of an additional animal shelter capable of housing at least 350 animals that would provide a safe and comfortable environment for animals in need of housing and alleviate the current overcapacity issue the existing animal shelter is facing and expected to continue increasing. The construction of this additional shelter is integral to the County's 90 percent save rate and continued implementation of the "Save Charlie Act."

### **Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD)**

**Modernizing HIV Laws:** **SUPPORT** legislation to reform and modernize laws that criminalize the transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV").

**Trauma-Informed County:** **SUPPORT** recognition of Miami-Dade County as a trauma-informed community and **ADVOCATE** for funding to combat violence and other events and experiences that are so dangerous, scary, or shocking in Miami-Dade County that they have long-lasting physical, psychological, or emotional impacts on residents in our community.

**State Match Funding for Head Start and Early Head Start Programming:** **SUPPORT** legislation and efforts which seek to have the State of Florida provide match funding, to increase the overall quality and capacity of early childhood learning across the County.

**Anti-Violence Initiative - Project 305 SAFE (Safety and Awareness Firearm Education):** **SUPPORT** legislation which seeks to allocate funding and resources for the implementation of a firearm safety program in Miami-Dade including gun safety education, a minimum of 10,000 free gunlocks for households where youth reside or visit, and partnerships with community stakeholders. Project 305 SAFE is part of the County's continued investment in a multi-pronged approach to address the root causes and impact of gun violence and additional State support for the initiative aligns with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.

**Homemaker - Homecare Services:** **SUPPORT** efforts to provide funding for homemaker services and in-home care assistance which mitigate the mobility and independence challenges for older adults who wish to age in-place. There is presently a waiting list of 65 current clients that have expressed an explicit interest in receiving these services Countywide, with additional clients to be recruited upon funding availability and selected based on need. Home care services is cost effective because it allows older adults and individuals with disabilities to remain at home rather than entering Assisted Living Facilities.

**Meals for the Elderly and Individuals with Disability:** *SUPPORT* efforts to provide funding for home-delivered meals for eligible people with an emphasis placed on serving elders and individuals with disabilities who are at greatest economic and social need, low-income minorities, and those who are at nutritional risk.

**Enhancing the Provision of Services to Veterans:** *SUPPORT* efforts to fund the County's Veteran Services Program which assists veterans and their families with applying for veteran benefits, claims, and appeals to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. *ADVOCATE* for revisions to the requirements set forth in the Florida Statutes pertaining to who can perform these services to allow for more flexibility in hiring and volunteering to meet the growing needs of the County's veterans and their families.

**Empowering Older Adults:** *SUPPORT* efforts to fully fund the "Bridging the Digital Divide and Enhancing Socialization" initiative which aims to benefit older adults through digital literacy programs, job development workshops, arts and crafts classes, physical fitness programs, and social outings and field trips.

**Expand Access to Financial Literacy and Wealth Generation Educational Programs:** *SUPPORT* efforts to fund Countywide, community-specific financial educational programs and initiatives, at no cost to attendees.

**Senior Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (SHARP):** *SUPPORT* efforts to fully fund home repair and rehabilitative services to low-income individuals and senior homeowners who would otherwise be unable to address needed home repairs and rehabilitation. The County's waitlist for this assistance currently numbers over 800 interested clients.

**Senior Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program Plus Pilot Initiative (SHARP+):** *SUPPORT* funding to Miami-Dade County to fund a pilot expansion of SHARP that aims at rehabilitating significantly deteriorated or dilapidated homes owned by low-income older adults; such an initiative aims to provide this target population an opportunity to continue residing in appropriate housing, prevent them from experiencing homelessness, and contribute to intergeneration wealth accumulation.

### **Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR)**

**Transportation of State Prisoners to Local Court:** *SUPPORT, MONITOR*, and assist in executing legislation which amends Fla. Stat. § 944.17(8) to require the court to consider other means for a State prisoner's appearance (telephonic or video) in the event that a State prisoner's presence is required in court for any reason after the sheriff or chief correctional officer has relinquished custody to the State, prior to issuing an order for the sheriff or chief correctional officer to assume temporary custody and transport the State prisoner to the County jail pending the court appearance. The reduction in the number of transportation orders would reduce associated personnel

and travel costs which have increased substantially over the years for local jurisdictions of State prisoners for local court proceedings that often last for less than two hours. An additional benefit is the safety and security of correctional transportation staff and the residents of the County and the State of Florida.

### **Cultural Affairs (CUA)**

**Competitive Cultural Affairs Grants:** *SUPPORT* full funding for competitive cultural affairs grants recommended through the Florida Department of State Division of Arts and Culture.

### **Homeless Trust (HT)**

**Amend Florida Housing Finance Corporation Housing (FHFC) Programs:** *ADVOCATE* for FHFC to commit a large percentage of their Multifamily Housing Request for Application (RFA)s for homeless and special needs developments. Typically, only three out of 15 to 18 solicitations serve homeless households, and only one funding opportunity is set aside for homeless individuals (Housing Credit/SAIL Financing for Housing for Homeless Person), which is typically geared towards larger housing deals where at least 50 percent of the housing is set aside for people experiencing homelessness. *ADVOCATE* for FHFC to: (1) allow for more renovation developments, not just new construction, for all homeless RFAs and encourage adaptive reuse; (2) commit more funding to smaller multifamily developments; (3) ensure that designated referral agencies of special needs households have access to FHFC-funded units at lease up; (4) effectively monitor past commitments made by developers, including adherence to tenant selection criteria to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are not screened out, and that barriers to entry are removed; and (5) require that all Extremely Low Income (ELI) units developed with support from the FHFC receive referrals from Continuums of Care.

**Challenge Grant:** *SUPPORT* maintaining Challenge Grant funding for continuum of care Statewide at \$15 million or higher.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Fla. Stat. § 394, §397):** *SUPPORT* revisions to the Baker and Marchman Acts (Fla. Stat. §394, §397) which provides homeless services and behavioral health providers and provides the courts system with the ability to better assess and serve persons experiencing homelessness who are suffering from substance abuse disorders and mental illness.

**Bridge Housing for Homeless Persons with Mental Illness:** *SUPPORT* funding for housing and support services for unsheltered homeless persons with special needs or homeless individuals in diversion and/or treatment programs with serious mental illness or substance use disorders.

**Project Lazarus Specialized Outreach:** *SUPPORT* funding for specialized outreach initiative seeks to engage, assess, treat (medically and mentally) and secure supportive permanent housing placement for persons who are chronically homeless and mentally ill or have substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders, living on the streets in Miami-Dade County.

## **Library Department**

**State Aid to Public Libraries:** *SUPPORT* increased funding for the State Aid to Libraries Program.

**Public Library Construction Grant Program:** *SUPPORT* full funding of all Miami-Dade projects eligible for the Public Library Construction Grant Program.

## **Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR)**

**Florida Task Force 1 (FL-TF1) Urban Search and Rescue Storage and Distribution Facility Renovation:** *SUPPORT* legislation which will help fund the renovation of FL-TF1's Storage and Distribution Facility at the newly acquired Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Complex to enhance the readiness and operational capacity of FL-TF1. This facility is crucial to FL-TF1's effective response to local, regional and national security events natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other emergencies.

**Continuation of Medicaid Supplemental Payments to Public Ambulance Providers Through the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) and Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) programs:** *SUPPORT* the continued commitment of supplemental payments for eligible public emergency medical transportation providers for allowable costs that are in excess of other Medicaid revenue. Funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided for a certified public expenditure (CPE) program for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and funds from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and Medical Care Trust Fund are provided for an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program for EMS. Payments to providers under this section of proviso are contingent upon the nonfederal share being provided through CPE and IGT in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund. In the event the funds are not available in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, the State of Florida is not obligated to make these needed payments.

## **Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD)**

**Increased Penalties and Funding for Trespass in Structure or Conveyance:** *SUPPORT* legislation which aims to create a felony exception to the State of Florida's trespass law (Fla. Stat. § 810.08) to allow law enforcement officers to charge violators with a felony when attempting to improperly enter (without a ticket) ticketed events at venues such as Hard Rock Stadium, LoanDepot Park, and many other venues across Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida. The requested modification includes amending verbiage to increase fines and penalties, making trespassing into a ticketed event, with 5,000 or more attendees, a felony. This request also includes funding for law enforcement to enforce trespass into ticketed events.

## **Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS)**

**Biscayne-Everglades Greenway Connecting Two National Parks, Segment D Construction:** *SUPPORT* funding for construction the Biscayne-Everglades Greenway, in particular Segment D, a 2.5-mile segment of the greenway between SW 117th Ave and SW 137th Ave. along the Mowry Canal and SW 320th St. in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead.

## **Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD)**

**Funding for Mobile Home Redevelopment:** *SUPPORT* the appropriation of funding to assist County residents affected by potential redevelopment of mobile homes by providing assistance with a long-term housing funding mechanism.

## ***Policy Area: Finance and Government Operations***

### **Finance Department (FIN)**

**Direct Deposit for All Employees:** *SUPPORT* legislation to revise Fla. Stat. § 532.04 to allow the County to mandate direct deposit of payroll and other employee reimbursements via the Automated Clearing House (ACH).

## **Internal Services Department (ISD)**

**Formulating Visibility Legislation: *SUPPORT*** legislation which enacts visibility requirements in the State of Florida for residential construction and builds stakeholder support.

**Disabled Parking Reform: *AMEND*** State statutory provisions and potentially relevant administrative provisions to stop the acquisition and use of disabled parking placards by drivers who do not qualify for them.

**Beach Access for All: *AMEND*** State environmental prohibitions against permanent pathways across beaches (from west of sand dunes to high tide line) to provide beach access for people with disabilities. The State's protection laws and administrative regulations prohibit the installation of permanent pathways on beaches that would provide meaningful access for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, and struggle to walk. As a result, thousands of Miami-Dade County residents and visitors are denied the use and enjoyment of the beaches, and there is concern that these prohibitions could potentially be in violation of federal civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## **Strategic Procurement Department (SPD)**

**Promote Local Procurement: *OPPOSE*** any language that would preempt local governments from making sourcing decisions or impact the livelihood of small and local business programs. Promoting local procurement aligns with the Board adopted State Critical Priorities in Resolution No. R-700-24.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
PROPERTY APPRAISER  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

**PEDRO J. GARCIA**  
**PROPERTY APPRAISER**

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## 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Advocate for legislation that provides tax savings for permanent residents, particularly seniors on fixed income. This would include promoting proposals to freeze the assessed values for persons who receive the income and age based senior exemption.
- Advance constitutional changes to allow non-homestead ten percent cap savings to similarly apply to the school board millage.
- Promote legislation requiring property appraisers to consider restrictive covenants imposed by local governing bodies in its real property assessments.
- Support changes to the current Value Adjustment Board process that promote efficiency and create a more transparent process.
- Amend Florida law to clarify that for property tax purposes, a change of ownership occurs at the time a deed is executed.

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HEALTH SYSTEM  
*Miracles made daily.*

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**TO:** Amadeo Lopez-Castro III, Chairman  
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Carlos A. Migoya  
President and Chief Executive Officer Jackson Health System

**DATE:** September 24, 2024

**RE:** 2025 Federal and State Legislative Priorities

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2025 federal and state legislative priorities.

**Scope**

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2025 session of the Florida Legislature, and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington, D.C. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's proposed 2025 federal and state legislative package.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

**Track Record/Monitor**

Chief of Staff to the President and CEO and Vice President of Government Relations Esther Caravia will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

**Background**

The 2025 federal and state legislative priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for submittal to the Board of County Commissioners as described above.

The specific priorities recommended for 2025 are attached.



**RESOLUTION NO. PHT 09/2024 - 048**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2025 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

*(Carlos A. Migoya, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jackson Health System)*

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2025 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2025 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2025 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2025 Federal and State Legislative Package.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Mojdeh L. Khaghan and the motion was seconded by Carmen M. Sabater as follows:

Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Carmen M. Sabater	Aye
Antonio L. Argiz	Excused
Senator Alexis Calatayud	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Mojdeh Khaghan	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:   
Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form  
And legal sufficiency 

## 2025 Legislative Priorities

### FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- **Protect the 340B Drug Discount Program:** Advocate vigorously against any proposed changes to the federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility. Ensure that the program continues to support hospitals in providing affordable medications to underserved populations.
- **Safeguard Federal Funding:** Closely monitor federal funding initiatives to prevent further cuts. Ensure that our health system receives the necessary resources to maintain high-quality care and support our community.
- **Strengthen the Healthcare Workforce:** Support and advocate for federal initiatives that bolster the healthcare workforce.
- **Advocate for New GME Slots for Florida:** Prioritize efforts to secure additional properly funded Graduate Medical Education (GME) slots for Florida. Advocate for federal policies that increase the number of residency positions, thereby addressing the state's growing healthcare needs and ensuring a robust pipeline of qualified healthcare professionals.
- **Monitor Changes to Federal Rules:** Stay informed about proposed federal rules and regulations that may impact the health system. Engage in advocacy to shape policies that support healthcare operations and patient care.

### STATE PRIORITIES

- **Prevent Cuts in State Funding:** Advocate strongly against further reductions in state-appropriated funding. Ensure that our health system remains adequately supported to deliver essential services to the community.
- **Maximize Federal Supplemental Funding:** Work to maximize federal supplemental funding opportunities to support health system operations and patient care.
- **Support Medicaid Rate Increases:** Advocate for increases in Medicaid reimbursement rates to better reflect the cost of providing care.
- **Secure Additional Funding for Jackson:** Seek additional state funding for Jackson to support its unique and critical mission to Miami-Dade.
- **Address the Mental Health Crisis:** Advocate for further state-level changes to address the growing mental health crisis.
- **Maintain Tort Reform and Sovereign Immunity:** Support the preservation of current tort reform and sovereign immunity laws to protect the health system from excessive litigation and ensure a stable operational environment.
- **Strengthen Florida's Healthcare Workforce:** Advocate for measures aimed at the recruitment and retention of skilled healthcare professionals to grow and strengthen Florida's healthcare workforce.
- **Monitor Trauma Center Standards:** Monitor changes to Florida's trauma center standards and work to ensure any modifications maintain or improve the quality and accessibility of trauma care.
- **Monitor Organ Transplant Regulatory Standards:** Track changes to organ transplant regulatory standards to ensure they support high-quality and equitable transplant services.



**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES  
2025 STATE CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND RESILIENCE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

*Approved by the Leadership Committee - August 6, 2024*

Background

Southeast Florida is one of the most vulnerable areas in the country to climate change and sea level rise. Recognizing their shared challenges, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties (“Compact Counties”) adopted the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (“Compact”) in 2010. The Compact includes a commitment to develop and advocate for joint state and federal legislative policies. Accordingly, the Compact counties annually adopt a State Legislative Program.

The Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document recognize that the local impacts of global climate change are among the greatest challenges facing southeast Florida in the present and future. Consequently, adapting to climate impacts, mitigating additional damage by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and building community and economic resilience are among the highest priorities for action at all levels of government.

Since 2017, the Compact Counties have issued their legislative program in two documents: *Legislative Principles* (this document) and *Legislative Priorities* (published separately).

Concerning state legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

**General Policies**

OPPOSE preemption of local environmental and land use policies and regulations pertaining to energy, climate, resilience issues, or redevelopment standards and any infringement on local home rule authority to plan for and adapt to future climate conditions.

SUPPORT development of a statewide climate action plan which includes greenhouse gas emissions reduction, adaptation, and resilience measures.

SUPPORT greater incorporation of adaptation and resilience strategies throughout state government activities, including:

Requirements for state agencies, water management districts, local governments, and regulated industries (e.g. electric utilities) to account for projected sea-level rise, coastal and inland flooding, potential storm surge, extreme rainfall, and extreme heat in all infrastructure and facility-siting decisions, underpinned by assumptions that account for the criticality and lifespan of the infrastructure or facility.

Closer coordination among state agencies to share data and implement solutions on climate

and extreme weather preparedness, resilience, and adaptation issues.

State funding and assistance for local governments' adaptation activities, sufficient to meet the state's significant resilience challenges, including: data development and technical analyses (such as vulnerability and risk assessments); integration of goals, objectives, and policies in Comprehensive Plans and the establishment and use of Adaptation Action Areas; design standards for infrastructure and development in local codes; and project implementation.

Climate, energy, and resilience investments in low-income and front-line communities that strengthen individual and community resilience.

Action to address climate-related public health challenges, including extreme heat.

Action to prepare the state's agricultural community for climate and extreme-weather disruptions.

Action to strengthen the economic resilience of the state to climate change.

### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions**

OPPOSE any legislation that preempts the ability of local governments to address and implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SUPPORT measures to aid the state and local governments to determine sources of greenhouse gas emissions, develop reduction plans and strategies, establish targets, and accomplish reductions.

SUPPORT measures to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions through strategies such as vehicle electrification, development of vehicle emissions standards, reduction of vehicle idling, expansion of public transit, and reduction of vehicle miles traveled.

### **Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Electrification**

SUPPORT all opportunities for renewable energy deployment and energy conservation in Florida, including policies to create renewable energy purchasing options, such as community solar and energy co-ops, and energy conservation incentives, and ensure the siting of solar arrays follows best practices and minimizes environmental impact.

SUPPORT legislation, policies, funding, financing, rebates and incentives to expand energy efficiency.

OPPOSE any changes that would eliminate or weaken existing policies that support renewable energy deployment and energy conservation in Florida.

SUPPORT solar-plus-storage installations, especially at emergency shelters and other critical facilities.

SUPPORT measures to move the state to 100% carbon-free electricity generation by 2050, and adopt stringent utility energy conservation targets and meaningful renewable energy programs for electric utilities.

SUPPORT requirements that investor-owned utilities offer a competitively-priced official rate for energy-efficient street lighting and encourage coordination between utilities and local governments to convert older, inefficient street lighting systems to more efficient ones.

SUPPORT incentives and pilot programs to assist local governments in diversifying their energy supplies and expanding their use of renewable energy.

SUPPORT policies, programs, and funding that prevent utility disconnections of income-constrained

households.

SUPPORT legislation and policy to encourage electric utilities to maintain agricultural uses on solar generation facilities located in agricultural zoning districts.

SUPPORT efforts to advance the electrification of buildings and transportation, and modernize the electricity grid for safety, reliability, and carbon-free electricity generation.

SUPPORT expansion of building benchmarking and re-tuning programs in order to optimize building energy performance.

SUPPORT legislation and policies requiring utilities to collect aggregated whole-building energy data from a jurisdiction's largest buildings, and provide this data to building owners, managers, and local government representatives to aid benchmarking.

SUPPORT the adoption of the most recent building energy codes and transition to net zero energy codes.

SUPPORT programs to expand energy efficiency for all residents including renters, inclusive of on-bill low and no-interest financing for energy efficiency upgrades.

SUPPORT legislation and policies requiring electric utilities to provide residential customers with relative average energy consumption at the neighborhood level.

### **Transportation**

OPPOSE measures or legislation that limits the ability of transportation agencies to consider greenhouse gas reduction in transportation planning and implementation.

SUPPORT electric vehicle adoption and the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure commensurate with projected electric vehicle growth to serve the public, local governments, and private sector fleets, including grants, rebates, and other financing and funding, and policies aimed at multi-family housing and low-income residents.

SUPPORT strategic planning to ensure sufficient charging infrastructure along evacuation routes.

SUPPORT the adoption of Complete Streets policies at the state and local levels, and the establishment of integrated local and regional networks of non-motorized transportation corridors (such as protected bike lanes).

SUPPORT additional local transit connectivity to existing and proposed regional transit systems (i.e., a "first and last mile strategy").

SUPPORT the planning and construction of transit-oriented developments.

SUPPORT programs to develop renewable, carbon-neutral sources of transportation fuel.

OPPOSE any limitations on the funding made available for transit.

SUPPORT the integration of resilience and greenhouse gas reduction principles into transportation planning and design, including in the State Transportation Plan.

### **Oil and Gas Exploration and Production**

OPPOSE any oil exploration and drilling in the state or off the coast of Florida, including within Florida's territorial waters and the Everglades, including any form of extreme well stimulation, such as hydraulic and acid fracturing, and seismic surveying.

OPPOSE oil exploration and drilling on federal lands in Florida and federal waters surrounding Florida and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

OPPOSE preemption of local regulation of extreme well stimulation and oil and gas exploration and extraction.

### **Resilient Infrastructure and Planning**

SUPPORT local governments efforts to increase resilience, reduce energy use, reduce flood risk, and mitigate climate impacts in comprehensive plan elements, such as housing, infrastructure, conservation, land use, and transportation.

SUPPORT local government efforts to advance resilience in post-disaster redevelopment and affordable housing investments.

SUPPORT efforts to build and retrofit utility and other critical infrastructure facilities to be more resilient to flooding and storm events.

SUPPORT statutory and regulatory changes that incorporate future flood risk from climate change and sea level rise into infrastructure planning, permitting, and investment.

SUPPORT greater use of natural and nature-based solutions to protect against storm surge, flooding, and adapt to sea level rise.

SUPPORT adaptation of state and local roadways for future climate conditions, including to extreme rainfall events and compound flooding.

SUPPORT the local match and coordination between the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Central and Southern Florida Flood Risk Resilience Studies.

SUPPORT plans that advance smart growth and mixed use principles, transit oriented and compact development patterns, to reduce vehicle miles traveled, increase walkability, integrate heat mitigation and floodplain management, and preserve and expand affordable housing.

### **Resilient Buildings**

SUPPORT incentives for resilient construction standards and biophilic design to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or reduce hazards in existing and future building stock.

SUPPORT higher energy, water, and resilience standards for new and existing buildings (including but not limited to energy and water conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, drainage, flood elevation, wetproofing, and seawall requirements) to prepare for and lessen the impacts of future climate conditions through legislation, Florida Building Code amendments, and enhanced powers for local governments to enact local building code amendments.

SUPPORT efforts to increase resilient affordable housing stock, including expanded funding of the My Safe Florida Homes Program and other similar programs to support fortification of building stock, including for rental properties.

### **Natural Disaster Risk Reduction, Adaptation, and Resilience**

SUPPORT and maximize linkages between natural disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures, recognizing that the two areas share a common concern of future risk and vulnerability and a common goal of resilience.

SUPPORT the affordability, access, coverage, and continued reform of hazard and windstorm insurance offered within and by the State of Florida, through improved collaboration and data sharing with respect to implemented wind and flood mitigation measures between insurers, state and local governments, greater risk disclosure and transparency related to premium calculations.

SUPPORT legislation to ensure that policyholders are not de-populated from Citizens without affirmative consent from the policyholder, if the offer from a private insurance company exceeds 20% of their Citizens premium.

SUPPORT full funding of resilient infrastructure projects identified under the state's Resilient Florida program and significant additional investments in resilience planning and resilient infrastructure, including consideration of formulas to distribute state funding to local governments, water management districts, and regional resilience entities, and a consideration to lower the current match requirement.

SUPPORT greater use of natural and nature-based solutions to protect against storm surge and adapt to sea level rise, increased flooding, and extreme heat.

SUPPORT integration of climate adaptation measures into pre-disaster mitigation projects and post-disaster rebuilding projects funded through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Program, Stafford Act, and Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

SUPPORT greater integration between the State Hazard Mitigation Plan and State Resilience Plan.

SUPPORT local government participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in the Community Rating System (CRS), and the provision of technical and financial resources for local governments to implement community-wide flood risk reduction that increases resilience, improves their CRS scores, and reduces premiums for NFIP policyholders.

SUPPORT the provision of state standards or guidelines for heat stress prevention for workers.

SUPPORT legislation and regulatory changes to require adequate cooling in all residential rental properties.

SUPPORT legislation to direct the State Department of Health to develop a statewide dashboard for monitoring heat related illnesses on a daily and weekly basis by county.

### **Resilient Water, Coastal, and Land Resources**

SUPPORT complete implementation of ecosystem restoration efforts. This includes but is not limited to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Central Everglades Planning Project, Everglades Agricultural Area reservoir, Biscayne Bay and Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration, storage and treatment in the Northern Everglades, projects that protect east and west coast estuaries, and projects that restore natural flows to Florida and Biscayne Bays.

SUPPORT changes to the Florida Communities Trust program and other programs to provide authority and funding for local governments to acquire land to mitigate the effects of sea-level rise, reduce flood



risk, and protect potable water supplies.

SUPPORT use of Land Acquisition Trust Fund appropriations under the terms of the Water and Land Conservation Amendment for regional and local priorities such as the Florida Forever land acquisition program, the Florida Communities Trust program, and management of public conservation lands to support nature-based resilience strategies.

SUPPORT protection and restoration of coral reefs, marine ecosystems, and nearshore habitats, such as mangrove forests, wetlands, floodplains, and other nature-based coastal protections.

SUPPORT the independence, authority, and finances of the state's Water Management Districts consistent with Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to protect water resources in the State.

### **Funding and Financing for Climate and Resilience**

SUPPORT providing budget and implementing authority to relevant agencies to advance transportation electrification, renewable energy deployment, energy efficiency and conservation, and resilience goals and programs.

SUPPORT existing funding programs such as Resilient Florida, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), and Hazard Mitigation grants, My Safe Florida Homes Program, utility demand-side management programs, as well as the development of new sources of funding to support local governments' climate mitigation and resilience planning, and implementation.

SUPPORT additional funding for local and tribal governments, and the South Florida Water Management District to support resilient infrastructure investments.

SUPPORT creation of a green bank or state investment fund to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

SUPPORT funding for applied academic research into climate change and associated topics.

SUPPORT finance options for residents, businesses, and local governments, including grants, rebate programs, tax credits and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs that ensure consumer protections and transparency.

SUPPORT funding for alternative water supply development, adaptation and resilience planning, and no-regrets investments in water management, flood control, water supply, conservation land acquisition, transportation, and other infrastructure that provide hazard mitigation and improve immediate and long-term resilience.



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## **SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT COUNTIES 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

*Approved by the Leadership Committee - August 6, 2024*

Concerning state legislation, regulations, and policies, the Compact Counties and other organizations adopting this document:

OPPOSE state preemption of local governments' programs, policies, and regulation that would compromise home rule authority to appropriately build resilience, respond to and manage the threats of climate change.

SUPPORT legislation, policies, programs, funding, rebates and incentives that expand renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency opportunities, and related workforce development, including the adoption of meaningful energy efficiency programs and goals.

OPPOSE any changes that would eliminate or weaken net metering policies.

SUPPORT higher energy, water, and resilience standards for new and existing buildings to prepare for and lessen the impacts of future climate conditions through legislation, including the adoption of such standards into the energy and building codes by the Florida Building Commission, and enhanced powers for local governments to enact local building code amendments.

SUPPORT legislation, appropriations, and implementing authority of state agencies to accept and leverage federal funds to the benefit of local government for the purposes of increasing resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SUPPORT the full funding of local match and coordination between the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of the Central and Southern Florida Flood Risk Resilience Studies.

SUPPORT the affordability, access, coverage, and continued reform of hazard and windstorm insurance offered within and by the State of Florida, through improved collaboration and data sharing with respect to implemented wind and flood mitigation measures between insurers, state and local governments, greater risk disclosure and transparency related to premium calculations.

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program and significant additional investments in resilience planning and resilient infrastructure, including consideration of formulas to distribute state funding to local governments, water management districts, and regional resilience entities, and a consideration to lower the current match requirement.

## 2025 Member Project Appropriation Requests

Department	Project	Requested Amount	Local Match	Percent Local Match	Project Description
ASD	Funding for Animal Services Department Capital Project - Additional Animal Shelter	\$15 million	\$0	0%	Secure funding for the construction of an additional animal shelter capable of housing at least 350 animals that would provide a safe and comfortable environment for animals in need of housing and also alleviate the current overcapacity issue the existing animal shelter is facing and expected to increase. The estimated budget of the new animal shelter is approximately \$15,000,000.
CAHSD	Home Delivered Meals	\$500,000	\$0	0%	Home-delivered meals provide eligible people with nutritionally sound meals in their homes. Emphasis is placed on serving elders and individuals with disabilities who are at greatest economic and social need, low-income minorities, and those who are at nutritional risk. Individuals aged 60 or older who are incapacitated or unable to attend a congregate nutrition site due to illness, disability, isolation, or caring for a loved one who is ill at home. Individuals who are at nutritional risk have physical, emotional, or behavioral conditions, which would make their presence at the congregate site inappropriate. In addition, individuals with disabilities, regardless of age, who reside at home with home delivered meals recipients and are dependent on them for care; or Caregivers and individuals who reside in the home and are dependent on the caregiver for care.

CAHSD	Project 305 SAFE (Safety and Awareness Firearm Education)	\$200,000	\$50,000	20%	Miami-Dade County's "Project 305 SAFE" is a new anti-violence initiative that provides both firearm safety education/awareness, along with firearm locks to households where children 17 and younger reside (or visit). Through its Office of Neighborhood Safety, the County intends to collaborate with various stakeholders including elected officials, law enforcement agencies, youth and family-focused organizations, schools, faith-based groups, and outreach teams to support responsible firearm ownership through gun safety education/awareness along with a minimum of 10,000 physical firearm safety locks. Project 305 SAFE will have a county-wide impact.
CAHSD	Homemaker-Homecare services	\$250,000	\$0	0%	Homemaker service is defined as the accomplishment of specific home management duties by a trained homemaker. Duties may include, but are not limited to, housekeeping; laundry; cleaning refrigerators; clothing repair; minor home repairs; assistance with budgeting and paying bills; client transportation; meal planning and preparation; shopping assistance; and routine house-hold activities. Homemaker services can be provided only when the caregiver is physically unable to provide the service. In-home care assistance will mitigate the mobility and independence challenges for older adults who wish to age in-place. The companionship and social support that staff will provide for the older adults whose homes they are coming into also cannot be overstated. Providing social interaction and companionship is an invaluable, if difficult to quantify,

					part of support offered, enhancing individuals' quality of life. There is presently a waiting list of 65 current clients that have expressed explicit
CAHSD	Empowering Older Adults: "Bridging the Digital Divide and Enhancing Socialization	\$2 million	\$0	0%	<p>The "Bridging the Digital Divide and Enhancing Socialization" initiative seeks \$2 million from the State legislature. If funded, it will benefit older adults by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing social isolation</li> <li>• Improving health and well-being</li> <li>• Encouraging lifelong learning</li> <li>• Ensuring digital inclusion</li> <li>• Enhancing overall quality of life</li> </ul>
CAHSD	Expand Access to Financial Literacy and Wealth Generation Educational Programs	\$500,000	\$0	0%	<p>With many factors affecting the affordability of goods and services in Miami-Dade County, many residents are seeking governmental assistance to remedy their situations, burdened even more so by national, macro-level inflationary factors that make the cost of needs, more out of reach than ever.</p> <p>By engaging residents with financial educational programs and initiatives, at no cost to attendees, the county has the opportunity to empower residents to learn more about the options and strategies available to them to address their financial challenges.</p> <p>This request is for a \$500,000 appropriation that will allow the department to engage with cutting edge leaders in financial education and wealth generating programs and initiatives to render positive, and deeply informing programs and classes that will be held in their neighborhoods (via the department's expansive community resource centers which are located throughout the county) so that</p>

					classes and instructors meet the residents
CAHSD	Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program ("SHARP")	\$2 million	\$0	0%	<p>Since 1988, CAHSD has provided numerous home repair and rehabilitative services to low-income individuals and senior homeowners who would otherwise be unable to address needed home repairs and rehabilitation. The services have been designed to provide low-income seniors with home repairs and rehabilitative services that include electrical, HVAC, ADA, bathroom, kitchen, and flooring upgrades aimed at improving the accessibility of their home. The goal of these services is to allow seniors to remain in their home and age with dignity.</p> <p>However, there is still an ever-increasing waiting list, currently numbered at over 800 interested clients. Through this funding request, these specific seniors will be able to be provided with long-needed home repair and rehabilitation services. The goal of SHARP is to provide qualified seniors with the ability to remain in their homes and communities safely.</p>
CAHSD	Senior Housing Assistant Program Expansion ("SHARP+")	\$2.15 million	\$0	0%	<p>CAHSD provides home repair and rehabilitative services to low-income senior homeowners who are unable to address needed home repairs and rehabilitation and maintain a safe, healthy, and age-appropriate living environment. SHARP services typically orient toward improving the accessibility of a home, but there is a subset of identified clients whose homes are in a significant state of disrepair in which the health, safety, and quality of life of the home's residents are at-risk. SHARP+ aims</p>

					to help this niche of vulnerable persons through the implementation of a more-comprehensive suite of home repair and rehabilitation services seeking to bring a home from the brink of condemnation so that income-restricted senior homeowners can continue aging in dignity and preserve the historical neighborhoods that these individuals reside in from unnecessary gentrification. SHARP+ clients will also receive wraparound services aimed at improving economic self-sufficiency and behavioral health.
Homeless Trust	Bridge Housing for Homeless Persons with Mental Illness	\$562,000	\$717,500	56.1%	Housing and support services for unsheltered homeless persons with special needs or homeless individuals in diversion and/or treatment programs with serious mental illness or substance use disorders. This program will provide up to 24 months of rental assistance and specialized wrap around support services providing "bridge housing" for persons who require rapid placement into housing in a non-congregate, site-based setting. Persons are likely to have had a history of frequent police interactions and/or arrests and/or multiple hospitalizations or crisis unit interactions. Housing this population reduces or eliminates frequent jail and hospital stays and provides a specialized housing solution for unsheltered single adults. Funding supports a 12-month service period, extending services for persons already enrolled (participants roll over) and allowing for new enrollments, leveraging the investment already made by the State.



Homeless Trust	Project Lazarus Specialized Outreach	\$175,000	\$542,500	75.6%	This specialized outreach initiative seeks to engage, assess, treat (medically and mentally) and secure supportive permanent housing placement for persons who are chronically homeless and mentally ill or have substance use disorders or co-occurring disorders, living on the streets in Miami-Dade County. Through coordinated street outreach activities, the project will continue to engage the hardest to serve chronically homeless mentally ill and substance users, on-street population, in their environment, and facilitate access to the healthcare and social services delivery system. The project will address their immediate health needs, and ultimately any long-term chronic conditions, will provide mental health treatment and navigation to benefits with the end goal of stabilized housing. The project will target the chronically homeless and substance users, particularly those identified as the most service-resistant and having severe mental and substance use disorders.
PHCD	Mobile Home Redevelopment	\$5 million	\$0	0%	To provide funding to facilitate residents affected by potential redevelopment of mobile homes by providing assistance with a long term housing funding mechanism
Innovation & Economic Development	Miami-Dade Talent Attraction and Retention Pilot Program & SF Institute for Economic	-	-	-	Establish a program to attract and retain talent to sustain the growth of the Miami-Dade County economy by engaging industry-leading companies in the fields of the targeted industry sectors to learn the necessary skills, certifications, and degrees they need and anticipate needing in the future. Create a South Florida Institute for economic research to serve as an

					appendage to the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, providing updated and accurate data, research, and analysis on current trends impacting the South Florida economy, as well as annual economic forecasts, for the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.
Innovation & Economic Development	Opportunity Zones - expand investments to include support activities for small and medium-sized businesses and residents	\$500,000	\$0	0%	There exists an opportunity to further encourage the ability of investing in expanded economic development and job creation activities to the small businesses and residents that are within an Opportunity Zone (EZ). There are 67 OZs within Miami-Dade County. This could also indirectly benefit CRAs in adjacent areas. Generally, OZ focus more on investments made by businesses, developers and financial institutions in low-income areas and receive capital gains tax savings in return. This request recommends to add support and technical activities to the investment in the short-term, mid-term, long-term aspects of each investment. This should be included in the redevelopment plan.
Solid Waste Management	Miami-Dade Solid Waste Campus	\$2,825,000	\$2,825,000	50%	The Miami-Dade Solid Waste Innovation Campus will host several waste management and landfill diversion technologies. The centerpiece of the campus will be a new, state-of-the-art, 4,000 tons per day mass burn waste-to-energy facility. This campus will be established for technology proving grounds for innovating waste processing and landfill diversion equipment towards the Zero Waste Vision.
Solid Waste Management	Miami-Dade Solid Waste Mosquito Control Lab	\$500,000	\$500,000	50%	The Miami-Dade Solid Waste Mosquito Control Lab will provide real-time results to combat mosquito-borne diseases by

					increasing the effectiveness of mosquito control. .
Solid Waste Management	Pump Station Resiliency Upgrades at the Northeast Transfer Station	\$750,000	\$250,000	25%	The Northeast Transfer Station is a critical facility for waste management. During heavy storm events, one of the pump stations completely floods, making the other half of the transfer station inoperable for weeks. The main goal of this fund is to modify this pump station to handle future storm events by changing the pumps from above ground to submersible pumps, raising the electrical panels to the surface, and reconfiguring the pipe network.
Solid Waste Management	Fully Electric Day Cab Truck Tractor with Charging Station	\$280,000	\$280,000	50%	The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) currently has a heavy fleet that uses diesel fuel. The fully electric day cab truck-tractor will allow the department to test the capabilities of this rapidly improving technology, generating zero emissions, reducing operating noise, zero fuel costs, less maintenance, and eliminating fuel/oil leaks during transport, thus providing residents a far more environmentally friendly truck.
Solid Waste Management	Fully Electric Automated Side Loader	\$700,000	\$0	0%	The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) currently has a heavy fleet that uses diesel fuel. The fully electric automated side loader will allow the department to test the capabilities of this rapidly improving technology, generating zero emissions, reducing operating noise, lowering fuel and maintenance costs, in addition to eliminating fuel/oil leaks during transport, thus providing residents a far more environmentally friendly truck.
DTPW	Vision Zero Safety Improvements:	\$750,000	\$750,000	50%	The funding would be used to engineer, design, and construct identified safety countermeasures

	Grand Ave between Jefferson St. and Plaza St.				adjacent to GW Carver schools. These safety countermeasures are aimed to eliminate the number of fatalities and serious injuries taking place on this street. Project would construct safety improvements including the installation of rapid flashing beacons, high-visibility crosswalks, bulb outs, upgrade existing traffic signal countdown timers. Location is part of top 100 high crash sites identified in Vision Zero Framework
DTPW	Roadway Resurfacing Project along SW 160 Street (Colonial Drive) from US-1 to SW 112 Avenue	\$800,000	\$160,000	16.7%	The funding would be used for milling and resurfacing the segment of SW 160 Street (Colonial Drive) from US-1 to SW 112 Avenue. The scope of the work includes milling, resurfacing, reconstruction of areas where required, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the roadway surface and driving conditions, as well as provide an increased reliability and safety to the corridor. Additionally, the project will mitigate recurring pavement maintenance, thus reducing maintenance costs. It will also improve traffic flow.
DTPW	Vision Zero Safety Improvements - SW 2 St between SW 1st Ave. and NW North River Drive	\$500,000	\$500,000	50%	The funding would be used to engineer, design, and construct identified safety countermeasures on a busy downtown corridor. These safety countermeasures are aimed to eliminate the number of fatalities and serious injuries taking place on this corridor. Project includes extension of Downtown bike lanes, high-visibility

					crosswalks, and improving safety conditions at intersections. Project overlaps Top 100 high crash locations identified in Vision Zero Framework.
DTPW	Safety Improvements along SW 328 Street from Entrance to Homestead Bayfront Park to SW 117 Ave	\$3.75 million	\$750,000	16.7%	The funding would be used for canal stabilization and guardrail safety improvements along SW 328 Street. The scope of the work includes repair, restoration and stabilization of the canal bank erosion. There is an immediate need to restore canal bank and erosion control to protect the canal from pollutants that are harmful to water quality and flood control throughout the canal network. The canal along SW 328 Street has experienced widespread erosion. The erosion comprises the structural integrity of the roadway that is located parallel to the canal. The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will restore the canal bank, as well as provide an increased reliability and safety to the corridor.
DTPW	Roadway Resurfacing along NW 17 Avenue from NW 20 Street to NW 36 Street	\$780,000	\$195,000	20%	The funding would be used to address the deteriorating road conditions. The scope of the work includes milling and resurfacing the segments of NW 17 Avenue from NW 20 Street to NW 36 Street. This project will improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.

DTPW	Roadway Resurfacing along NW 74 Avenue from NW 44 Street to NW 74 Street	\$637,520	\$159,380	20%	The funding would be used to address the deteriorating road conditions. The scope of the work includes milling and resurfacing the segments of NW 74 Avenue from NW 44 Street to NW 74 Street. This project will improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.
DTPW	Roadway Resurfacing along SW 142 Avenue from SW 42 Street to SW 56 Street	\$1,001,000 million	250,250	20%	The funding would be used to address the deteriorating road conditions. The scope of the work includes milling and resurfacing the segments of SW 142 Avenue from SW 42 Street to SW 56 Street. This project will improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of work includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.
DTPW	Roadway Resurfacing along SW 96 Street from SW 137 Avenue to SW 147 Avenue	\$951,600	\$237,900	20%	The funding would be used to address the deteriorating road conditions. The scope of the work includes milling and resurfacing the segments of SW 96 Street from SW 137 Avenue to SW 147 Avenue. This project will improve the roadway surface and driving conditions. The scope of work

					includes milling, resurfacing, adjustment of valve boxes and manholes, upgrading or construction of ADA ramps and connectors, as well as pavement markings and signage and all necessary incidental work to extend the structural integrity of these features for a substantial period of time.
DTPW	Rickenbacker Causeway - Hobie Island and Virginia Key Beach South Roadway and Shoreline Protection	\$5.5 million	\$5.5 million	50%	This resiliency project site is approximately 9,500 linear feet of shoreline on Hobie Island and Virginia Key, which has been deteriorating from past storms and king tides water elevation. This project includes new seawall, riprap, marine mattress, and landscape for roadway and shoreline protection, aimed at promoting resiliency and sustainability to mitigate sea level rise. To protect the causeway shoreline, a total of 3,085 linear feet of new sheet pile bulkhead, 3,000 tons of armour rock revetment, and approximately 108,000 tons of beach sand are proposed. Miami-Dade County is committed to becoming a more resilient County.
PROS	Biscayne-Everglades Greenway Connecting Two National Parks, Segment D Construction	\$1 million	\$3.151 million	>50%	The 43-mile Biscayne-Everglades Greenway (BEG) will traverse both incorporated and unincorporated portions of southern Miami-Dade County, connect Biscayne National Park to Everglades National Park, and provide a safe and scenic route to the parks without concern for vehicular traffic. The BEG will connect to a variety of other trails in the South Dade Greenways Network and will utilize South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation, and county owned rights-of-ways. The Biscayne-Everglades Greenway will be the

					<p>first non-motorized trail in the country to connect two National Parks and would have an immediate impact to Homestead and the surrounding communities in southern Miami-Dade County. These funds will be used for construction of Segment D, a 2.5-mile segment of the greenway between SW 117th Ave. and SW 137th Ave. along the Mowry Canal and SW 320th St. in southern Miami-Dade County, east of Homestead.</p>
RER/Resilience	Biscayne Bay Restoration Support through Data Analytics and Visualization	\$1 million	\$0	0%	<p>Analyze the County's and other publicly-available data sets in a multivariate approach spatially &amp; temporally to look for patterns and trends in water quality pollution; visualize DEP Grant milestones; visualize said data analysis for managers/decision-makers/scientists/public; inform the County's Reasonable Assurance Plan; support County water quality goals &amp; inform development of the Biscayne Bay Watershed Management Advisory Board's Watershed Plan.</p>
RER	Construction of an Air Monitoring Shelter within the City of Hialeah	\$190,000	\$0	0%	<p>The primary objective of this project is to enhance monitoring of PM2.5 or other National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants in and near communities with environmental justice concerns who face disproportionate exposure to these pollutants, and health risks which are also associated with increased vulnerability to air pollution. These funds will primarily be used to construct an air monitoring station, at the Jose Marti Mast Academy located at 5701 W 24th Avenue, Hialeah, FL, and to provide 24/7, real-time reporting of air quality concentrations. The</p>



					funds will be used to address other considerations in and near communities with environmental justice concerns including upgrading other National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutant monitoring sites, upgrading certain NAAQS gaseous monitors and/or equipment not meeting performance or completeness goals, and other possible monitoring investments.
RER	Gould's Canal Restoration via Landfill Leachate Pollution Reduction & Prevention	\$2.75 million	\$2.75 million	50%	Land uses surrounding the Goulds Canal, including an adjacent landfill, have been proven as a source of pollution to Biscayne Bay. If funded, the project will prevent contaminants from being drawn from the Goulds Canal, which is adjacent to the South Dade Landfill, the L-31E canal, and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands S-705 pump station project. The Goulds Canal filling will directly limit landfill nutrient leachate from traveling into Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves and Biscayne National Park. The project aligns with SFWMD's goals for CERP. The SFWMD and Miami-Dade County permits have already been issued for the construction of the entire length of the canal (3,220 ft) to be filled. The FDEP and USACE permits are soon to be submitted. Project completion will take up to 3 years with post-construction water quality monitoring conducted for a period of 3 years to corroborate hydrologic restoration.
RER	Wildfire mitigation and risk reduction	\$100,000	\$100,000	50%	Wildfire risk has been greatly exacerbated in south Florida by the invasion of invasive grasses. A recent report by Miami-Dade

					<p>County identified that invasive grasses that burnt down urban centers in Maui are the same that are present around Miami. A combination of fuel reduction, prescribed burns and herbicide application have been shown to be an effective method to eliminate the grasses, reduce risk and enhance forests. The County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program has had success in implementing this strategy within the county's urban forests, often next to homes, warehouse districts, hospitals and schools. The requested funds will be used within one year to perform fuel reduction, prescribed burn and followup within four urban preserves in the southern region of the county, specifically House Districts 118 and 119.</p>
RER	Rootwells for Flood Mitigation and Water Quality	\$18,000	\$18,000	50%	<p>Flooding and water quality is impacting Miami-Dade County neighborhoods and Biscayne Bay. In recent years huge investments in technology, monitoring, and planning efforts have been made to improve the watershed protecting both estuary and neighbors. Trees provide filtration service, interrupt rainfall, store water among many other services. Unfortunately planting spaces for trees don't always accomodate the work that roots do to provide ecosystem benefits. Design changes, while a little more expensive can be a solution and the county is interested in piloting this work but requires additional funds to justify monitoring and prep-work costs. Funding is requested for 20 enhanced root zone wells within flooded and impervious areas for a tree planting</p>

					that seeks to serve the public and Bay.
RER	Tree planting at School Sites and Forests in Southern part of Miami-Dade County	\$600,000	\$600,000	50%	This project matches a one time disbursement of tree planting funds from Miami-Dade County to enhance public land, beautification, urban cooling and water management. Specifically, tree plantings will be in environmental preserves, schools and government facilities. Examples include Camp Matecumbe, Fuch's hammock, Airbase K-8 and more. Demonstration projects can be seen at Bowman K-8 and Nixon Smiley pineland. If funded an additional 6,000 trees and understory plants will be planted. The location of the tree planting project is publicly owned property in House District 114, 115, 118 and 119.
RER	Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project - Phase 2	\$100,000	\$100,000	50%	Design and permitting of Phase 2 of the Card Sound Road Canal Salt Intrusion Barrier Project. The Card Sound Road canal is an uncontrolled canal allowing unregulated drainage of wetlands owned by Miami-Dade County and allowing salt water to intrude and contaminate portions of the Biscayne aquifer and publicly owned wetlands acquired by Miami-Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program that are needed for regional restoration including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The Florida Legislature previously funded the first phase of this project which has been successfully completed. This project will create and restore additional Everglades wetlands that were destroyed by the construction of the canal.

RER	Funds to Upgrade Air Monitoring Equipment & Network in the Kendall Community	\$250,000	\$0	0%	The objective of this project is to assist in providing replacement infrastructure to improve our air monitoring network and continually collect quality assured data on ambient air concentrations. These funds will primarily be used to replace an existing air monitoring station, within our network located at 9015 SW 127th Avenue, Miami, FL, and to provide 24/7, real-time reporting of air quality concentrations.
RER	Biscayne Gardens Pump Station Retrofit & Improvement Project	\$1.25 million	\$1.25 million	50%	The Biscayne Gardens Pump Station & Retrofit Improvements consist of the hardening drainage infrastructure, electrical and mechanical components to include installation of conveyance pipe and drainage structures. The project is intended to increase flood control capability of the existing pump station and allow for optimization of its operation. This project seeks to mitigate flooding that now exists, and is expected to be exacerbated based on Sea Level Rise forecasts. This project impacts water quality in the Spur #4 Canal watershed basin in Miami-Dade County.
RER	Miami-Dade County Canal C-6 Basin Improvements Phase 2 - Secondary Canal	\$8.75 million	\$8.75 million	50%	Improvements to 13 secondary canals (13.74 miles) under Miami-Dade County control, C-6 Basin. Improvements include raising top of bank elevations (enhance storage), upgrade culverts (enhance conveyance), and improve outfalls. Future conditions in a 2060 scenario with Sea Level Rise have been used as design criteria. This project includes survey, soil testing, design, permitting, construction and construction management. A combination of resources from Miami-Dade County, consultants/contractors are

					planned. This project impacts water quality in the Miami Canal (C-6) watershed basin in Miami-Dade County.
RER	Miami-Dade County Canal C-9 Basin Improvements Phase 3 - Secondary Canal	\$5.5 million	\$5.5 million	50%	Improvements to 23 secondary canals (8.8 miles) under Miami-Dade County control, C-9 Basin. Improvements include raising top of bank elevations (enhance storage), upgrade culverts (enhance conveyance), and improve outfalls. Future conditions in a 2060 scenario with Sea Level Rise have been used as design criteria. This project includes survey, soil testing, design, permitting, construction and construction management. A combination of resources from Miami-Dade County, consultants/contractors are planned. This project impacts water quality in the Snake Creek Canal (C-9) watershed basin in Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NE 88 Street to NE 90 Street, from NE	\$600,000	\$600,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures for NE 88 Street to NE 90 Street, from NE 10 Ave to NE 9 Ave (Lake Belmar). The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 1,590 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 33 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NE 185 ST, from	\$550,000	\$550,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures for NE 185 Street, from NE 2 Court to NE 190 Street (Snake Creek C-9 Canal). The drainage improvement work

	NE 2 CT to NE 190 ST				includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 1,000 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 15 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NE 189 St, from NE 4 CT to NE 6 Ave	\$510,000	\$510,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures for NE 189 Street, from NE 4 Court to NE 6 Ave. The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 730 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 14 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for NW 43 ST, from NW 72 Ave to NW 69 Ave	\$400,000	\$400,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures on NW 43 Street, from NW 72 Ave to NW 69 Ave (Dressel's Dairy Canal). The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 700 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 8 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for S. Biscayne River Dr, from NW 146 ST	\$500,000	\$500,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures on South Biscayne River Drive, from NW 146 Street to NW 151 Street. The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 800 liner feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 12 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 16 Street, from SW 73 Ave to SW 72 Ave	\$375,000	\$375,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures on SW 16 Street, from SW 73 Ave to SW 72 Avenue. The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 550 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 8 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area location is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 37 Ave, from SW 24 Street to SW 20 Street	\$400,000	\$400,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures on SW 37 Ave, from SW 24 Street to SW 20 Street. The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 300 linear feet exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 8 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located

					is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project for SW 71 Lane, from SW 143 Place to SW	\$400,000	\$400,000	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures for SW 71 Lane, from SW 143 Place to SW 144 Court. The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 680 linear feet of exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 12 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
RER	Stormwater Local Drainage Improvement Project SW 127 Ave to SW 132 Ave from SW 42 Ter to SW 53 ST	\$2.25 million	\$2.25 million	50%	The project will install / retrofit drainage structures on SW 127 Ave to SW 132 Ave, from SW 42 Terr to SW 53 Street (Royal Green). The drainage improvement work includes the construction of a stormwater drainage infrastructure with the installation of 6,750 exfiltration trenches, solid drainage pipes, manholes and 225 drainage inlets in the public right-of-way, implementing new technologies for filtering and screening of stormwater as applicable. The project area located is in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.
Seaport	Off-Dock Intermodal Logistics Yard	\$20 million	\$2.5 million	8.3%	The Off-Dock Logistics Yard at Airport West, will provide an additional land area for PortMiami's island-constrained site and its growing international container movement traffic. Approximately 200 acres will be used for the temporary storage of in-transit cargo and includes a sustainable truck parking facility to reduce emissions by leveraging electrification and solar



					technologies, additional offsite electric rubber tire gantry (eRTG) stackers, refrigerated container units, charging stations, and a solar farm. The site is going to require extensive environmental mitigation for the majority of the land with exotic invasive species of wetlands. Local policy is very demanding and more so for County property, on high-quality mitigation. To facilitate further development of the inland port, PortMiami is requesting funding to support a portion of the cost to develop the site.
Seaport	North Bulkhead Improvement Project	\$30 million	\$30 million	50%	Miami-Dade County Seaport Department "PortMiami, is in critical need of funding assistance for a portion of the cost to replace the North Bulkhead. The North Bulkhead Project is PortMiami's 7,200 linear feet of cruise berths that are reaching the end of their useful life. If these berths are not replaced, cruise activity could relocate outside of Florida due to the lack of remaining cruise berth capacity in the state. The "Project" is critical to maintain the 45,309 jobs and \$10.1 billion to the state economy, generated from our world leading 7.2 million annual cruise passenger movements. The initial estimated project cost was \$350 million in 2022, however the current cost estimate is approaching \$1 billion.
Emergency Management	Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations - Backup Emergency Operations	\$375,000	\$125,000	25%	In the event of a catastrophic failure to Miami-Dade County's primary EOC (i.e. power failure, cyber-attack, major weather-related damage, etc.), DEM would be required to expeditiously establish its operations at an alternate location with equivalent resources. DEM has designated a secondary

					location that has never received the resources required to serve as a functional EOC and lacks the technological infrastructure needed to maintain situational awareness and coordinate activities during a major disaster. DEM is respectfully seeking appropriations to bring this location up to the desired status, which will fulfill Miami Dade County's Continuity of Government (COG) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) requirements. These appropriations will make our community safer and will also serve to ensure that DEM will be in compliance with the Emergency Management Accreditation Program's (EMAP) standards.
Emergency Management	Emergency Management: Deployable Command-and-Control Facilities	\$750,000	\$250,000	25%	The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) does not have the capability to deploy a command-and-control facility. A deployable command-and-control facility provides the ability to establish operational command centers in various locations quickly. This mobility is particularly crucial in disaster response or emergency situations where a fixed facility may not be available or accessible. It allows for the adaptation to rapidly changing circumstances and maintains effective command and control capabilities. Additionally, having a deployable facility serves as a backup option in case the primary command-and-control center becomes compromised or inaccessible. In scenarios where the fixed facility is damaged, destroyed, or affected by natural or human-generated disasters, a deployable facility ensures uninterrupted command and control operations.

Emergency Management	Flood Control and Protection System	\$750,000	\$250,000	25%	As climate change continues to evolve, Miami-Dade County continues to experience the effects of extreme weather events. Despite local efforts, in the last two years there have been major rain events that have caused severe flooding in low lying areas of the county and beach erosion stemming from storm surge and rising waters. Funding for this project will allow Emergency Management to provide a resource to protect properties and critical infrastructure during major rain events. The deployable assets can be moved to areas of concern ahead of know problems and can also be deployed to contain major leaks and sewage spills. The asset will also be available for use by municipalities within the county.
Emergency Management	Mass Gathering and Large Scale Event Site Safety Equipment	\$450,000	\$150,000	25%	Miami-Dade County is increasingly becoming a major sporting event and entertainment destination. Miami has been designated as one of 16 sites to host 2026 World Cup games. In preparation for the multitude of events surrounding the World Cup, Emergency Management has determined a gap in providing site security and crowd control at multiple locations. The Department of Emergency Management collaborates with its municipalities and public safety stakeholders to plan for and mitigate potential terrorist activities. Funding for this project would be utilized to purchase mobile elevated observation posts for site security and crowd control, as well as mobile vehicle barriers to prevent site access to provide attendee safety. These assets will be made available to Miami-Dade County's municipal partners for use at local events and

					will be used at future mass gathering and large scale events. (i.e., concerts, parades, street parties, sporting events)
Fire/Rescue	Florida Task Force 1 (FL-TF1) Urban Search and Rescue Storage and Distribution Facility	\$1 million	\$1 million	50%	MDFR is dedicated to ensuring that FL-TF1 swiftly responds to local, regional and national security events including natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other emergencies. This project will renovate FL-TF1's Storage and Distribution Facility at the newly acquired Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Complex. The facility will serve as the logistical hub for deployments, housing rescue equipment, supplies, and vehicles in a state of operational readiness for immediate activation by local, state, and federal officials. It will also support pre- and post-emergency operations, provide housing for Incident Command Teams, and serve as the staging area for supply distribution and rescue operations, particularly for Monroe County, a region that could be isolated following a major disaster. Renovations will include updating the building to be 30-year re-certified for electrical and structural safety, as well as replacing HVAC systems, installing a fire protection system and interior upgrades.
Police	Police Enforcement for Felony Trespass at Ticketed Events	\$243,877	\$243,877	50%	The legislative appropriation would help to fund law enforcement officer service while enforcing trespass into ticketed events at venues such as Hard Rock Stadium, LoanDepot Park (home of the Marlins), and many other large-scale venues across Miami-Dade County. In 2023-2024, the Miami-Dade Police Department's Homeland Security Bureau (HSB) incurred costs associated with special events at

					<p>multiple large-scale venues that included events such as Formula 1, Copa America, Miami Dolphins and University of Miami football games, Rolling Loud, Nascar, and other special events occurring across Miami-Dade County. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025, the HSB will staff the aforementioned events as well as adding the 2025 Club Cup Soccer Tournament. The approximate costs incurred during the 2023-2024 FY which included enforcing trespass violations was \$487,754. The HSB foresees similar expenditures for FY 2024-2025 with a slight increase to account for merit and contractual wage increases.</p>
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