

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

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

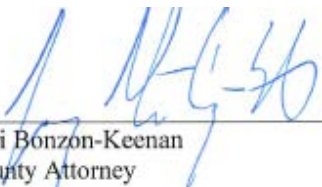
**DATE:** September 17, 2024

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the Peace and Prosperity Plan (“Plan”) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the amount of \$3,735,203.00; allocating to the FY 2024-25 Plan: (1) \$2,450,000.00 from Kaseya Center Naming Rights Revenues in the Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”); (2) \$554,703.00 of carryover Trust Fund dollars from prior years and anticipated carryover Trust Fund dollars from FY 2023-24; and (3) \$100,000.00 of carryover from the Juvenile Services Trust Fund from FY 2023-24; authorizing the County Mayor to: (1) expend all such allocated funds in accordance with the FY 2024-25 Plan; (2) select an organization to administer and provide sub-grants for the Safe in the 305 Grants Program for FY 2024-25 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, inclusive of an administrative fee, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions of said agreement; (3) select an entity to evaluate the Plan, and to negotiate execute, and exercise all provisions of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and said entity, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and (4) apply for, receive, and expend additional grant funds for the plan under certain circumstances, as well as execute necessary agreements and documents and exercise all provisions contained therein; and waiving Resolution No. R-130-06

Resolution No. R-785-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Community Action and Human Services Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Keon Hardemon.


  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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**Date:** September 17, 2024

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

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Resolution Approving the Peace & Prosperity Plan (“Plan”) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and Waiving requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06

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### Executive Summary

The original Peace & Prosperity Plan (“Plan”) was developed in 2021 after District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon spearheaded the allocation of nearly \$90 million over 19 years from the naming rights revenue of the County-owned arena, now known as the Kaseya Center. My Administration continues to prioritize the safety of our communities through continued investments in anti-gun violence strategies. The FY2024-25 Plan is a community-centered approach that empowers youth, uplifts families, and supports individuals returning to communities in Miami-Dade County from county, state, and federal correctional institutions (“Returning Citizens”). With a budget of \$3,735,203, the FY2024-25 Plan focuses on violence prevention, intervention, and reentry through projects, programs, and initiatives that embody a collaborative approach that recognizes the important role that community stakeholders, law enforcement, businesses and residents play in creating and sustaining safer and more prosperous communities for all across Miami-Dade County. This memorandum, along with its exhibits illustrates the funding allocation for the FY2024-25 Plan through its budget (“Exhibit A”), presents gun violence data for Miami-Dade County (“Exhibit B”) and corresponding Fit2Lead slot allocation by Commission District (“Exhibit C”), and provides programmatic updates and highlights of the Plan from June 2021 through September 2023 in the Report on the Miami-Dade County Peace & Prosperity Plan and Supplemental Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives (“Exhibit D”).

Since the launch of the Plan in June 2021 through May 2024, \$8.4 million of Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) dollars have been expended to combat gun violence through violence reduction strategies and opportunities for economic prosperity with a focus on at-risk youth. This investment has positively impacted our residents, specifically those residing in communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence. Highlights include, but are not limited to: (1) 1,521 youth being served in Fit2Lead earning more than \$4.4 million; (2) amplifying the voice of residents and community stakeholders through 129 Safe in the 305 grant funded projects; (3) 900 additional slots added to the Summer Youth Internship Program; and (4) enhancing Miami-Dade Police Department’s capacity to identify online activity that leads to the prevention and/or disruption of violent crime.

In addition, the County continues to further its investment in public safety with our Community Violence Intervention Initiative (“CVI”). CVI is led by the Community Action and Human Services Department’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and the Office of Management and Budget and administered by and in partnership with the Carrie Meek Foundation, the Miami-Dade Police Department’s Crisis Response Unit and Operation Community Shield, the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department-led Reentry Plan, and the Juvenile Service Department-led Anti-Violence/Group-Involved Violence Initiative.

The Plan, along with these supplemental anti-violence initiatives, continue to positively impact our community and contribute to the reduction in firearm related homicides in Miami-Dade County. The County experienced 32 percent, or 71 fewer gun-related homicides in the calendar year 2023 (154) than in 2020 (225) as shown in Exhibit B. Of the gun-related homicides that occurred in 2023, 81 percent were in Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9, further underscoring the importance of localized strategies to address the underlying root causes of violence. From January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, shootings in unincorporated Miami-Dade were down 13 percent overall when compared to 2022. Furthermore, when comparing shootings in calendar years 2023 to 2020, overall shootings in unincorporated Miami-Dade were down by 43 percent. Additional impacts, outcomes, and highlights of the Plan’s programming along with other County-led anti-gun violence efforts are provided in Exhibit D.

The FY2024-25 Plan, with a total budget of \$3,735,203 continues to put our youth, families, and communities first by addressing gun violence through strategic prevention, intervention, and reentry strategies that focus on the neighborhoods and individuals most affected, while tackling the social and economic disparities at the root of gun violence.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approve the attached resolution that:

- (1) Approves the FY2024-25 Plan, attached as Exhibit A, which specifies the use of \$2,450,000 in new Trust Fund dollars, \$554,703 of carryover Trust Fund dollars from prior years and anticipated carryover Trust Fund dollars from FY2023-24, and \$100,000 of carryover funds from the Juvenile Services Trust Fund from FY2023-24; and
- (2) Authorizes and delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to:
  - (a) Select an organization to administer and award subgrants for the Safe in the 305 Grants Program, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions contained in a grant agreement between Miami-Dade County and said organization, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, which is inclusive of an administrative fee of up to 10 percent;
  - (b) Select an entity to complete an independent evaluation of the Plan’s programming administered between October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and said entity in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and
  - (c) Apply for, receive, expend, and execute grant agreements for additional grant funds for the FY2024-25 Plan, as well as exercise all provisions contained therein including amendment and termination provisions, provided that: (i) the amount of funds awarded is not greater than \$1,000,000; (ii) any matching funds required by the grant are approved and allocated in the then-current fiscal year County budget; (iii) the terms of any grant agreement will not hinder the County from seeking other grants or funding sources; and (iv) the granting entity does not require Board approval.
- (3) Waives the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06, as applicable.

### **Scope**

This item will have a countywide impact.

### **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The total fiscal impact from approving the FY2024-25 Plan is \$3,735,203. Funding for the FY2024-25 Plan is derived from the following sources: (1) \$2,450,000 from the Trust Fund, funded with payments received from the Kaseya Center naming rights agreement, as directed by the Board through Resolution No. R-243-23; (2) \$554,703 in carryover Trust Fund dollars from prior years and anticipated carryover Trust Fund dollars from FY2023-24; (3) \$100,000 from anticipated carryover from the Juvenile Services Trust Fund from FY2023-24; and (4) \$630,500 in Community Project Funding, anticipated to be awarded by September 30, 2024. In the event that said funding is not received, the expansion of the Fit2Lead program by 35,647 hours will not be realized as further described below.

### **Delegation of Authority**

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is delegated the authority to:

- (1) Expend all funds approved herein consistent with the FY2024-25 Plan.
- (2) Select an organization to administer and award subgrants for the Safe in the 305 Grants Program, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions contained in a grant agreement between Miami-Dade County and said organization, in an amount up to \$80,000 inclusive of an administrative fee not to exceed 10 percent.
- (3) Select an entity to complete an independent evaluation of the Plan's programming administered between October 1, 2022, and December 31, 2024, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and said entity for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- (4) To apply for, receive, expend and execute grant agreements for additional grant funds for the FY2024-25 Plan, as well as exercise all provisions contained therein including amendment and termination provisions, provided that: (a) the amount provided is not greater than \$1,000,000; (b) any matching funds required by the grant are approved and allocated in the County's budget; (c) the terms of any grant agreement will not hinder the County from seeking other grants or funding sources; and (d) the granting entity does not require Board approval.

### **Track Record/Monitor**

Cathy Burgos, Chief Community Services Officer, will oversee the implementation of the FY2024-25 Plan, monitoring and evaluating programs to determine effectiveness, and providing quarterly reports to this Board.

### **Background**

On June 8, 2021, this Board unanimously approved the inaugural Plan, which covered FY2020-21 and FY2021-22 in Resolution No. R-577-21, sponsored by Commissioner Keon Hardemon. The Plan's primary funding source, the Trust Fund, is funded from the naming rights revenue of the County-owned arena. In April 2023, the County entered into a new naming rights agreement with Kaseya US LLC, renaming the arena to the Kaseya Center, and continuing its commitment to address the root causes of gun violence.

Through the FY2024-25 Plan, Exhibit A, my Administration seeks to invest \$3,735,203 from various funding sources in prevention, intervention, mental health, and reentry programming in communities throughout the County, to address the root causes and impacts of gun violence and empower residents to work jointly with local government stakeholders.



The Plan's budget includes federal funding that the County anticipates receiving. Specifically, \$630,500 is included in the budget out of a total of \$963,000 of Community Project Funding, also known as federal earmarks, sponsored by U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson for "Peace & Prosperity: Youth Development and Empowerment" initiatives that the County expects to receive. Said funds remain in the application phase with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and are anticipated to be officially awarded by September 30, 2024. In alignment with the funding parameters of the application, a portion of that overall funding, \$630,500, will be allocated for Fit2Lead to enhance its' youth internship and general programming, hence its inclusion in the FY2024-25 Plan's budget. My administration will bring a separate item before this Board for all necessary authorizations once that funding is officially awarded. In the event that said funding is not received, the expansion of the Fit2Lead program by 35,647 hours will not be realized as further described below.

Separately, while the Plan's budget also continues funding for several Miami-Dade Police Department ("MDPD") initiatives for FY2024-25 Plan, it is important to note that in light of MDPD's transition to the Office of the Sheriff on January 7, 2025, the continuation of all MDPD-managed Peace & Prosperity Plan programs beyond that date, will be subject to the approval of the elected Sheriff.

### **FY2024-25 Plan Programming**

#### **Fit2Lead: Summer Fellowship Program ("Summer Program") and Afterschool Enrichment and Internship Program ("Afterschool Program")**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$3,295,925

Fit2Lead, the Plan's flagship program, is an award-winning, evidence-based paid internship program for at-risk youth ages 15-19. Since the Plan's inception in June 2021, the program has served more than 1,521 youth, increased intern wages from \$9.05 to \$13.88 per hour, and increased its overall capacity to serve more youth, with a strategic focus on at-risk and court-involved youth in paid afterschool and summer activities. Exhibit D contains additional highlights and outcomes for Fit2Lead.

My Administration remains committed to meeting the ever-evolving needs of our youth. As a result of the 2024 Community Project Funding championed by U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, it is anticipated that Fit2Lead will be able to increase youth engagement and internship hours in the FY2024-25 Plan. These funds will allow for 35,647 additional hours of paid internship experience, positive programming and engagement with system-involved, which includes, at-risk, and vulnerable youth bringing the total hours of paid Fit2Lead internship hours to 187,200. The Fit2Lead programmatic offerings in the FY2024-25 Plan include the following: (a) a 30-week 2024-2025 Afterschool Program serving 190 youth, working an average of 13.5 hours per week (b) a robust 7-week 2025 Summer Fellowship serving 450 youth working up to 35 hours per week (an increase of 10 additional hours per week); (c) evidence-based assessments and case management; (d) character and leadership development; (e) experiential learning opportunities; and (f) professional mentorship. Such expansion of the Fit2Lead programing is contingent on the receipt of the Community Project Funding. If said funding is not received, the expansion of the Fit2Lead program by 35,647 hours will not be realized.

Furthermore, through efforts led by the Juvenile Services Department, a new shorter and more efficient version of the Global Assessment of Individual Needs-SS, an evidence-based assessment tool used to identify individuals with one or more behavioral health disorders, will be implemented with the support

of Thriving Mind South Florida and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families. This assessment tool may be completed virtually or in-person, eliminating the preexisting barriers of transportation and time constraints. The original assessment was conducted “in-person” and took up to two hours to be completed. Through “No Wrong Door” youth interns and their families will continue to receive support with various basic needs and social services including rental and utility payment assistance, early childhood education, nutrition assistance, emergency planning and preparation, employment readiness and job search assistance, and mental wellness support/assistance.

The Afterschool Program and 2024 Summer Fellowship slots and funding in the FY2024-25 Plan are allocated by Commission District using the same methodology applied from the commencement of the Plan. This method allocates a percentage of the total budget for each program, to each Commission District equal to the proportion of county-wide gun-related homicides reported in that Commission District during calendar year 2023, relative to all other Commission Districts. With a focus on prevention, six summer and two afterschool slots were allocated to District 11 although it did not experience any gun-related homicides in 2023. A breakdown by Commission District of Fit2Lead slot allocations and funding is detailed in Exhibit C.

#### **MDPD Turn Around Police Academy (“TAP”)**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$95,000

Launched in 2021, TAP is an intense 11-week program, for youth ages 13 to 17, offering a structured curriculum designed to transform arrested and at-risk youth perspectives, encourage community service, and improve their relationships with law enforcement. The primary goal of the TAP is to provide youth participants with guidance and tools to make positive and effective decisions. The curriculum includes interactive teaching that increases awareness of consequences for at-risk behaviors. Weekly sessions cover topics such as drug/alcohol addiction, gangs and gun violence, social media challenges, homicide/deadly violence consequences, peer-to-peer perspective interviews, family counseling, career planning, resume development, and applying for a job, career success, how to dress, mock interviews and financial literacy. To date, TAP has completed six sessions serving 101 youth, of which 83 percent successfully completed the program. Exhibit D contains additional program outcomes.

#### **MDPD Youth Outreach Unit (“YOU”) and Youth Athletic Initiative (“YAMI”)**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$81,000

Established in 2016, YOU is actively preventing youth gun violence within MDPD’s Northside, South, and Intracoastal Districts by mentoring at-risk youth identified by the Group Violence Intervention team. Officers provide mentorship and guidance to at-risk youth living in households that are directly impacted by gun violence, to deter their involvement in gun-related activity in Liberty City, Brownsville, Northwest Miami-Dade, Goulds, Naranja, and West Perrine. Services include, but are not limited to, homework assistance, cultural excursions, cooking classes, book clubs, sporting events, and a guest speaker series to include life skills workshops on self-care and money management. Programming is offered five days per week, and on weekends for excursions. Meals and transportation to and from the program are provided daily. This funding provides for the expansion of experiential and engagement opportunities with an intentional focus on out-of-school time.

YAMI engages youth, including those in the afterschool YOU program, in an activity-rich environment focusing on pro-social activities such as sporting events and clinics, summer programming, and character-

building group workshops. Youth also participate in group discussions about making good choices, the importance of positive peer influence, excelling in school, and setting future goals.

### **Office of Neighborhood Safety - Safe in the 305 Grants Program**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$80,000

The Safe in the 305 Grants Program provides microgrants to organizations and residents to activate community participation in creating safer neighborhoods, amplify the voices of residents and community leaders against violence, and build capacity in communities by bridging gaps between neighborhood stakeholders and government to address quality of life issues. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$1,500.

In 2023, the program received a National Association of Counties Achievement Award in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Category. Exhibit D contains additional program highlights and outcomes. In the FY2024-25 Plan, the Safe in the 305 Grants Program will increase grant awards to up to \$2,000 for nonprofit organizations and will fund eligible projects that assist Returning Citizens, support positive youth development, address blight, and promote gun violence awareness. This program will continue to be programmatically operated by ONS and fiscally administered by a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization that will receive up to a 10 percent administration fee.

### **Project Green Light (“PGL”) Miami-Dade**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$110,778

PGL, led by MDPD, is a public/private partnership designed to deter, identify, and solve crime through the installation of high-definition cameras that provide video streaming from participating businesses to MDPD’s Real-Time Crime Center. While the Plan’s funding is dedicated to support small businesses in communities with high crime, MDPD has expanded the program to allow medium and large retailers to participate at their own expense and at no cost to the County.

### **Miami-Dade County Reentry Resource Guide**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$22,500

The development of the Miami-Dade County Reentry Resource Guide is underway and anticipated to be completed by April 2025. With oversight by the Office of Neighborhood Safety, Transition, Inc. along with the Umbrella of Hope Coalition are leading the development of a comprehensive resource guide for Returning Citizens.

### **Independent Evaluation**

FY2024-25 Plan Funding: \$50,000

An independent evaluation of the Plan’s programs, projects and initiatives, administered between October 2022 through December 2024 along with supplemental anti-gun violence initiatives will be conducted. The results of the evaluation will help guide future investments in programs, initiatives, and tools to further curtail gun violence in our County.

### **Conclusion**

Miami-Dade County is making historic investments in public safety with a strong emphasis on community-focused anti-violence initiatives to create safer communities. Our multi-pronged approach includes various law enforcement efforts, such as the Crisis Response Unit, community-based and

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community-led services via CVI, reentry services in our jails, and high-risk intervention via the Group Violence Intervention and Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program initiatives, are contributing to the decrease in gun-related deaths in our County. The FY2024-25 Peace & Prosperity Plan is a continuation of the County's commitment to combat gun violence and provide opportunities for economic prosperity, through violence prevention, intervention and reentry strategies that are data-driven, community-centered, youth-focused, and government-supported.

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Cathy Burgos, LCSW  
Chief Community Services Officer

Program Name	Funding Source	Department Managing Funds	FY 2024-25 New Funds Budget	Carryover Funds	FY 2024-25 Budget w/ Carryover	
Fit2Lead-Afterschool <sup>1</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	PROS	826,940	250,000	1,076,940	
Fit2Lead-Summer Fellowship <sup>2</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	PROS	1,367,060	121,425	1,488,485	
Fit2Lead Afterschool <sup>3</sup>	JSD Trust Fund	JSD		100,000	100,000	
Fit2Lead Afterschool and Summer Fellowship <sup>4</sup>	2024 Community Project (Federal Earmark)	OMB	630,500	-	630,500	
Project Green Light (PGL) <sup>5</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	MDDPD		110,778	110,778	
Turn Around Police Academy (TAP)	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	MDDPD	95,000	-	95,000	
Youth Outreach Unit (YOU)	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	MDDPD	61,000	-	61,000	
Youth Athletic and Mentoring Initiative (YAMI)	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	MDDPD	20,000	-	20,000	
Safe in the 305 Community Grant <sup>6</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	CAHSD	80,000		80,000	
Miami-Dade Reentry Resource Guide <sup>7</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	CAHSD		22,500	22,500	
Independent Evaluation <sup>8</sup>	Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust	CAHSD	-	50,000	50,000	
<b>Total Funding:</b>			<b>\$ 3,080,500</b>	<b>\$ 654,703</b>	<b>\$ 3,735,203</b>	
<b>Anti-Gun Violence &amp; Prosperity Initiatives Trust (Only):</b>			<b>\$ 2,450,000</b>	<b>\$ 554,703</b>	<b>\$ 3,004,703</b>	

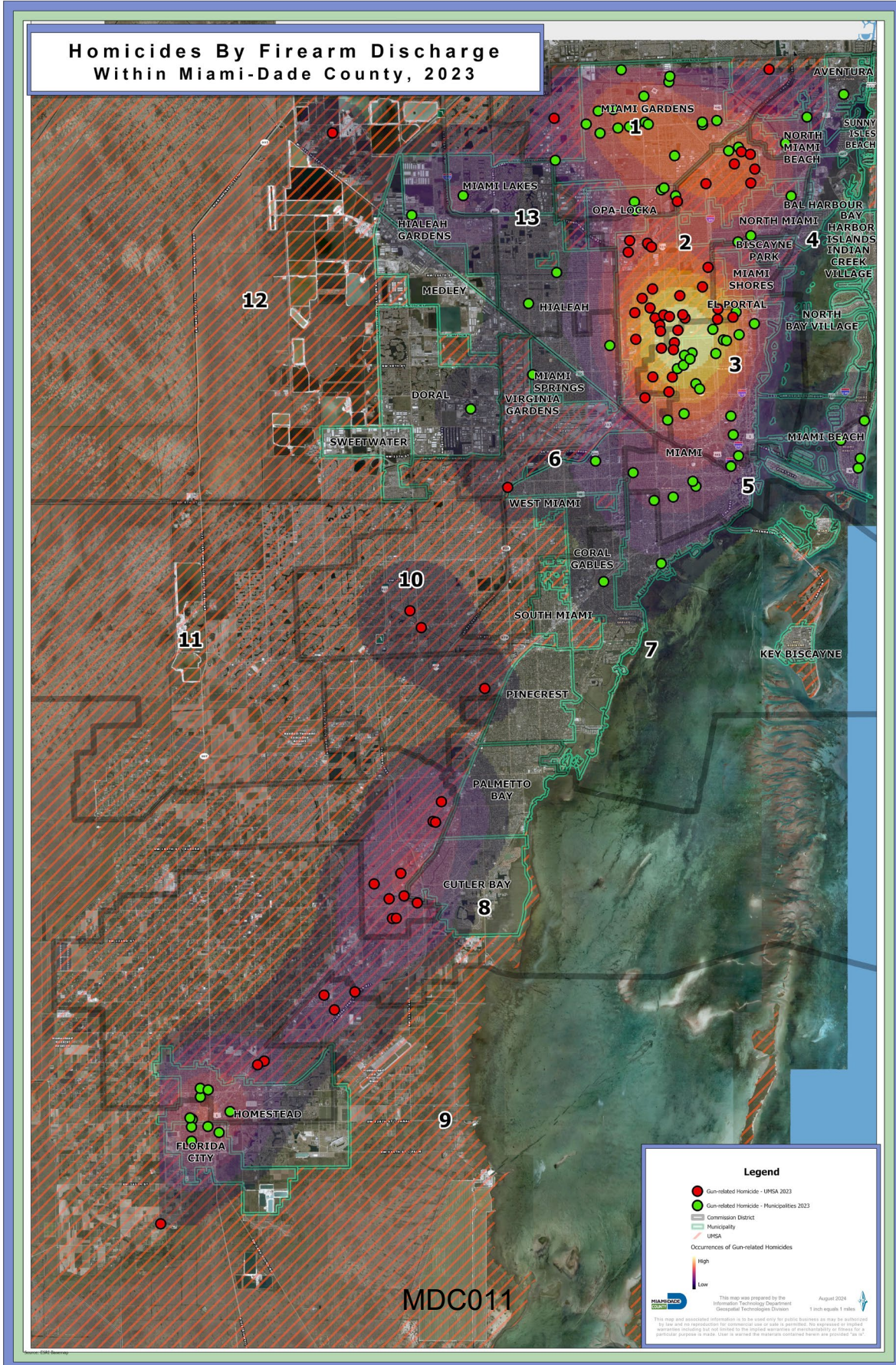
**NOTES:**

- Includes \$826,940 in FY2024-25 Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiative Trust ("AGVPIT") funding, and \$250,000 planned carryover from the FY2023-24 AGVPIT allocated to Fit2Lead.
- Includes \$1,367,060 in FY2024-25 AGVPIT funds and \$121,425 in FY2022-23 unspent AGVPIT funds allocated to PGL.
- Planned carryover from the JSD Trust Fund.
- A separate legislative item will be presented to the Board for approval upon receiving notification of the grant award.
- \$60,788 in anticipated carryover from FY2023-24 AGVPIT and \$50,000 in FY2022-23 unspent AGVPIT allocated to PGL.
- \$80,000 in FY2024-25 AGVPIT.
- Anticipated carryover of FY2023-24 AGVPIT Funds allocated for the Miami-Dade Reentry Resource Guide.
- Planned carryover of FY2023-24 AGVPIT Funds.

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<b>2023 Homicides by Firearm Discharge January 1 to December 31</b>		
<b>Commission District</b>	<b>2023 Gun Homicides**</b>	<b>% of Homicides (2023)</b>
District 2 - Marleine Bastien	43	27.90%
District 3 - Keon Hardemon	27	17.50%
District 1 - Oliver G. Gilbert, III	26	16.90%
District 9 - Kionne L. McGhee	22	14.30%
District 5 - Eileen Higgins	8	5.20%
District 8 - Danielle Cohen Higgins	6	3.90%
District 13 - Rene Garcia	6	3.90%
District 7 - Raquel A. Regalado	4	2.60%
District 12 - Juan Carlos Bermudez	3	1.90%
District 6 - Kevin M. Cabrera	3	1.90%
District 4 - Micky Steinberg	2	1.30%
District 10 - Anthony Rodriguez	2	1.30%
District 11 - Roberto J. Gonzalez	0	0%
District Unknown	2	1.30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<p><i>*Data Source: Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department</i>  <i>**Data excludes accidental deaths, Medical Examiner cases where the location in Miami-Dade County cannot be confirmed, undetermined deaths, pending homicide deaths, suicides, and law enforcement-involved deaths.</i></p>		





<b>Number of Homicides by Firearm Discharge within Miami-Dade County by Commission District*</b>				
	2020	2023	2020 versus 2023 % Change	Absolute Change
District 1	27	26	-3.7%	-1
District 2	48	43	-10.4%	-5
District 3	57	27	-52.6%	-30
District 4	2	2	0%	0
District 5	4	8	100%	+4
District 6	10	3	-70.0%	-7
District 7	3	4	33.3%	+1
District 8	12	6	-50.0%	-6
District 9	36	22	-38.8%	-14
District 10	4	2	-50.0%	-2
District 11	5	0	-100%	-5
District 12	3	3	0%	0
District 13	5	6	20.0%	+1
Unknown**	9	2	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>-31.5%</b>	<b>-71</b>

*\*Data Source: Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department and excludes accidental deaths, Medical Examiner cases where the location in Miami-Dade County cannot be confirmed, undetermined deaths, pending homicide deaths, suicides, and law enforcement-involved death.*

*\*\*Due to unknown addresses/commission districts, incidents are not factored into the % change.*



<b>Shootings in Miami-Dade County Police Department Districts January 1 to December 31</b>						
<b>MDPD District</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>% Change 2022 vs 2023</b>	<b>% Change 2020 vs 2023</b>
Intracoastal District	146	112	92	111	21%	-24%
Northside District	281	197	213	182	-15%	-35%
Northwest District	19	12	20	19	-5%	0%
Midwest District	28	27	31	21	-32%	-25%
Hammocks District	59	62	69	55	-20%	-7%
Kendall District	24	53	24	27	13%	13%
South District	380	240	178	131	-26%	-66%
<b>Total</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-42%</b>
<i>*Data Source: Miami-Dade Police Department</i>						

<b>Fit2Lead Slot Allocation: Afterschool</b>		
<b>Commission District</b>	<b>Slot Allocation*</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
District 2 - Marleine Bastien	53	\$377,812.73
District 3 - Keon Hardemon	33	\$235,241.89
District 1 - Oliver G. Gilbert, III	32	\$228,113.35
District 9 - Kionne L. McGhee	27	\$192,470.64
District 5 - Eileen Higgins	10	\$71,285.42
District 8 - Danielle Cohen Higgins	7	\$49,899.79
District 13 - Rene Garcia	7	\$49,899.79
District 7 - Raquel A. Regalado	5	\$35,642.71
District 12 - Juan Carlos Bermudez	4	\$28,514.17
District 6 - Kevin M. Cabrera	4	\$28,514.17
District 4 - Micky Steinberg	3	\$21,385.63
District 10 - Anthony Rodriguez	3	\$21,385.63
District 11 - Roberto J. Gonzalez**	2	\$14,257.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>\$1,354,423</b>
<p><i>*Slot allocations are based on the percentage of gun-related homicides in each Commission District (CD) compared to the total countywide number. There are two incidents where the CD is unknown.</i></p> <p><i>**With a focus on prevention, two slots were allocated to CD 11 although the district experienced no known gun-related homicides.</i></p>		

<b>Fit2Lead Slot Allocation: Summer</b>		
<b>Commission District</b>	<b>Slot Allocation*</b>	<b>Funding Allocation</b>
District 2 - Marleine Bastien	126	\$543,621
District 3 - Keon Hardemon	79	\$340,842
District 1 - Oliver G. Gilbert, III	76	\$327,898
District 9 - Kionne L. McGhee	64	\$276,125
District 5 - Eileen Higgins	23	\$99,232
District 8 - Danielle Cohen Higgins	17	\$73,346
District 13 - Rene Garcia	17	\$73,346
District 7 - Raquel A. Regalado	12	\$51,773
District 12 - Juan Carlos Bermudez	9	\$38,830
District 6 - Kevin M. Cabrera	9	\$38,830
District 4 - Micky Steinberg	6	\$25,887
District 10 - Anthony Rodriguez	6	\$25,887
District 11 - Roberto J. Gonzalez**	6	\$25,887
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>\$1,941,503</b>
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# ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report, prepared by the Office of Neighborhood Safety, includes a review of the Miami-Dade County Peace & Prosperity Plan funded initiatives between June 2021 and September 2023, with the exception of the Fit2Lead Internship Program, which is included through April 2024. The report also highlights several supplemental anti-violence initiatives, including but not limited to, Operation Community Shield, Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative, and the Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program.

## OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

The Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety's (ONS) mission is to advance community-driven solutions to build safe and prosperous neighborhoods. Established in August 2021, ONS manages several of the County's anti-gun violence initiatives, including the Peace & Prosperity Plan and the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative. ONS brings together residents, community stakeholders and County representatives to solve public safety and quality of life issues by engaging directly with historically disenfranchised communities to ensure they help to guide decision-making and deliver innovative solutions.

ONS aims to address gun violence, revitalize public spaces, improve community infrastructure, and minimize the need for residents to interact with the justice system. ONS' work spans across five impact areas: Prevention, Intervention, Reentry, Economic Investment and Community Revitalization.



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Peace & Prosperity Plan (Plan), implemented by Miami-Dade County to tackle the underlying causes of gun violence through strategic prevention and intervention, has demonstrated significant progress in just a few years. The 19-year investment of arena naming rights revenue underscores the County's commitment to building a safer Miami-Dade through community-centered solutions. With this dedicated investment, Miami-Dade County is working to empower communities, build trust, and support residents and businesses in creating safer neighborhoods.

Through the Plan, Miami-Dade County is directly investing in a comprehensive suite of violence prevention programs. The focus on youth involvement is particularly significant, with programs like Fit2Lead, the Youth Athletic and Mentoring Initiative, Turn Around Police Academy, and the Youth Outreach Unit making a tangible connection with youth. Initiatives such as the Safe in the 305 Grant program further amplify the County's commitment to community-driven solutions ranging from neighborhood beautification efforts to mental wellness initiatives to violence prevention programming, all of which contribute to creating safer neighborhoods. Additional efforts, including establishing the Cyber Crimes Bureau Analyst positions, showcase the Plan's adaptability and commitment to addressing the multifaceted nature of gun violence. The Peace & Prosperity Plan has laid the foundation for sustained, collective efforts and will continue to create a safer and more resilient Miami-Dade County.



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# INTRODUCTION

Addressing firearm violence involves implementing evidence-based strategies aimed at prevention, promoting safety, and fostering community wellbeing. In 2021 – through Resolution No. R-238-21 championed by Commissioner Keon Hardemon and passed by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) – Miami-Dade County (County) government committed to investing nearly \$90 million of revenue generated from the naming rights of the County-owned arena (and home to the Miami Heat) over 19 years to combat gun violence and provide opportunities for economic prosperity. This landmark investment further solidified the County’s focus on the wellbeing and safety of all residents by tackling gun violence through evidence-based and community-centered solutions that empower, build trust, and support residents and businesses. In April 2023, via Resolution No. R-243-23, the County entered into a new arena naming rights agreement with Kaseya US LLC, renaming the arena to the Kaseya Center, and continuing its commitment to address the root causes of gun violence.

After deductions for arena-related contractual obligations, annual net revenues from the naming rights are deposited in the Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust Fund (Trust) of which 70% is allocated to the Administration for the Peace & Prosperity Plan (Plan) for initiatives, programs and activities to combat violence, including addressing youth at-risk for gun violence and providing opportunities for economic prosperity throughout the county. The remaining 30% is allocated in equal distributions to the 13 members of the Board for discretionary use to support anti-gun violence initiatives.

The Miami-Dade County Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), established in 2021, manages several of the County’s anti-gun violence initiatives, including the Plan. Developed annually by the Administration, the Plan requires annual approval by the Board. The Plan strengthens the County’s response to address the root causes of gun violence by enriching youth development opportunities, engaging and empowering communities to lead initiatives in their neighborhoods, and fostering relationships with law enforcement.

In developing the inaugural Plan, an exhaustive, detailed review of existing resources and national models focused on addressing gun violence was conducted – identifying specific successful interventions presently operational in the county and innovative new opportunities worthy of investment. The Plan takes a strategic prevention, intervention, and reentry approach that looks at the whole person, family, and community, with a focus on the neighborhoods most affected, and addresses the social and economic disparities at the root of gun violence. Between June 2021 and September 2023, the County invested **\$7,426,170** in Trust dollars into prevention, intervention, reentry, and neighborhood revitalization initiatives via the Plan. This investment has resulted in:

- **1,521** unique youth earned more than **\$4.4 million** while engaging in paid internships, receiving professional mentorship, and participating in prosocial activities via the Fit2Lead Internship program.
- Amplifying the voice of residents and community stakeholders by funding **88 Safe in the 305 micro-grant program community-led projects** focused on prevention, intervention, reentry, and neighborhood revitalization.
- **83%** of enrolled justice-involved youth successfully completed the **Turn Around Police Academy**.
- The growth of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Cyber Crimes Bureau by adding four analysts assigned to the **Strategic Innovation and High Technology Crimes Section**, tasked with monitoring social media for indicators of gun violence and other criminal activity to prevent and intervene in criminal activity.
- **900 additional slots** for the Summer Youth Internship Program.

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The County continues to take bold actions to ensure that our county is a safe place to live, play, and visit through the implementation of various anti-gun violence initiatives, including the Community Violence Intervention Initiative (CVI) administered by ONS in partnership with the Office of Management and Budget, the Anti-Violence Initiative/Group Violence Initiative (AVI/GVI) administered by the Juvenile Services Department (JSD) in partnership with MDPD, the Reentry Plan administered by Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the 2023 Anti-Violence State Appropriation funding and various enforcement efforts led by MDPD. When coupled with the Peace & Prosperity Plan, these initiatives help create a safer Miami-Dade County where all residents can thrive. Highlights include but are not limited to:

- In partnership with the Carrie Meek Foundation, the County's CVI Initiative is **supporting 84 organizations** to lead innovative programming in communities impacted by gun violence with a focus on prevention services, reentry, high-risk intervention work, and mental and emotional wellness.
- The **removal of 3,288<sup>1</sup> firearms** from our streets via Operation Community Shield, of which, **2,840** were removed in Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas by MDPD.
- Through AVI/GVI, the Street Outreach Team **responded to 798 shooting incidents** since the program's inception in 2019.
- AVI/GVI **Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program** (HVIP) Master level and Licensed Social Workers provided **1,892 services to 476 individuals** through comprehensive case management, including assessment, intervention, and ongoing support tailored to their individual needs.
- ONS has removed barriers to higher education by awarding **\$135,000 in scholarships to 90 college-bound and/or enrolled youth** residing in low-income households representing **35 colleges/universities** across the United States.
- In the first five months of inception, the MDPD **Crisis Response Unit**, consisting of highly trained police officers, psychiatric nurse paramedics, and licensed clinicians, responded to **495 crisis calls**.
- The inaugural **305 Second Chance Job & Resource Expo** engaged more than **700 attendees** and connected them with **69 employers and reentry/social services providers**.

## FIREARM HOMICIDES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Miami-Dade County, like other communities across the country, has faced the challenging reality of gun-related homicides. The dynamics of these incidents are encapsulated in the provided data for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, with 2020 serving as the baseline year. The reported data for homicides by firearm discharge within Miami-Dade County is based on the event date that occurred in Miami-Dade County and reported to the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner.<sup>2</sup> The total excludes accidental deaths, Medical Examiner cases where the location in Miami-Dade County cannot be confirmed, undetermined deaths, pending homicide deaths, suicides, and law enforcement-involved deaths.

<sup>1</sup> 448 firearms removed by municipal police departments. Not all municipal police departments participate/and or report.

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Mathis, MD, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. (January 2024). *Gun Shot Wounds-Homicides*, [unpublished raw data]. Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner.

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The homicide by firearm count in Miami-Dade County was 225 in 2020, showing a subsequent decrease to 185 in 2021 (17.7% decrease). However, the trend reversed in 2022 with an increase to 204 (10.2% rise), followed by a significant decline in 2023 with 154 homicides (24.0% decrease). From 2020 to 2023, Miami-Dade County experienced a **32% decline in homicides from firearm discharge**, which indicates potential improvements in public safety initiatives (See Table 1).

Table 1: Number of Homicides by Firearm Discharge within Miami-Dade County

Year	Number of Deaths	Annual Trend
2020	225	---
2021	185	17.7% ↓
2022	204	10.2% ↑
2023	154	24.5% ↓
<i>Data Source: Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department</i>		

In 2023, Miami-Dade County Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 9 accounted for 77% of homicides by firearm discharge within Miami-Dade County based on the incident address (Table 2). The dissonance highlights the importance of localized strategies addressing underlying social determinants of health and violence. Moreover, zip codes 33147 and 33142 ranked highest in firearm-related homicides for 2023, underscoring the necessity for tailored community-level interventions to mitigate these disparities.

Table 2: Number of Homicides by Firearm Discharge within Miami-Dade County by Commission District, 2022 compared to 2023

	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022 to 2023 % Change	Absolute Change	Rank in 2022	Rank in 2023
District 1	34	26	-23.5%	-8	3	3
District 2	41	43	+4.8%	+2	2	1
District 3	43	27	-37.2%	-16	1	2
District 4	3	2	-33.3%	-1	9	10
District 5	14	8	-42.8%	-8	6	5
District 6	9	3	-66.6%	-6	7	8
District 7	3	4	+33.3%	+1	9	7
District 8	17	6	-64.7%	-11	5	6
District 9	19	22	+15.7%	+3	4	4
District 10	2	2	0%	0	10	9
District 11	4	0	-100%	-4	8	10
District 12	3	3	0%	0	9	8
District 13	4	6	+50%	+2	8	6
Unknown <sup>1</sup>	8	2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>-24.5%</b>	<b>-50</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Not included in the % Change due to unknown incident address.

*Data Source: Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department*

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# PROGRAM REVIEW

The Peace & Prosperity Plan (Plan) takes a multifaceted approach that encompasses engaging youth in prevention efforts as a crucial aspect of building safer communities. According to the Florida Department of Health, in 2022, 0.6% of Miami-Dade County youth surveyed reported taking a handgun to school in the past 12 months compared to 0.4% statewide.<sup>3</sup>

Moreover, in 2022, 4% of youth surveyed in the County reported carrying a handgun in the past 12 months compared to 6% statewide.<sup>4</sup> Youth programs, such as Fit2Lead, play a pivotal role in addressing the root causes of gun violence by empowering young people through paid internship, social services, community connections, and experiential opportunities.

## **Fit2Lead Afterschool and Summer Internship Program**

Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) administers the Fit2Lead Internship program, the flagship program of the Plan. Fit2Lead is designed to engage and empower system-involved and youth at-risk for system involvement, ages 15 to 19, through paid internships earning \$13.88 per hour, prosocial activities, workplace mentorship, and experiential learning. For the purposes of the Plan, a youth-at-risk is defined as a young person who may face challenges in achieving success as an adult due to various individual traits, environmental characteristics, or social conditions such as juvenile delinquency, truancy, behavioral difficulties, residing in a socially disorganized area, or being a survivor of gun violence, either directly or indirectly. The Plan's programming also promotes protective factors and resilience that reduce the likelihood of adverse outcomes and behaviors in youth, such as fostering positive social skills, providing healthy and safe leisure activities with peers, and promoting healthy activities for youth engagement.<sup>5</sup>

Fit2Lead provides two distinct sessions: an afterschool session spanning up to 35 weeks and an annual seven-week summer session. To further engage youth during critical hours after school and during the summer, the maximum number of hours an intern can work increased from 10 to 15 hours per week for the afterschool program and up to 25 hours per week during summer.

### ***A Quick Glance at the FY2023-24 Afterschool Session***

In FY2023-24, the Fit2Lead afterschool session employed **373 interns**, with 42% of youth in the 11th grade and 27% in the 10th grade. The 373 interns worked **137,161 hours**, earning **\$1,903,795**. There are **22 employers** currently hosting Fit2Lead interns, including the following eight County departments: PROS, Community Action and Human Services Department, Miami-Dade Public Library System, Cultural Affairs, Juvenile Services Department (JSD), Public Housing and Community Development, Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), and Animal Services. Within PROS, there are 101 internship sites across four divisions: Aquatics, Recreation, Zoo Miami, and Operations. Community partners host interns at 24 locations throughout the County, including the Boys & Girls Club, Overtown Optimist Club, Sant La, and Touching Miami with Love, to name a few.

<sup>3</sup> Florida Department of Health. (2022). Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. Retrieved November 30, 2023, from FLHealthCHARTS: <https://www.flhealthcharts.gov/ChartsDashboards/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=SurveyData.FYSAS.Dataviewer&cid=0052>

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<sup>5</sup> A study group comprised of nearly 40 experts convened by the U. S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) identified four domains for risk and protective factors.

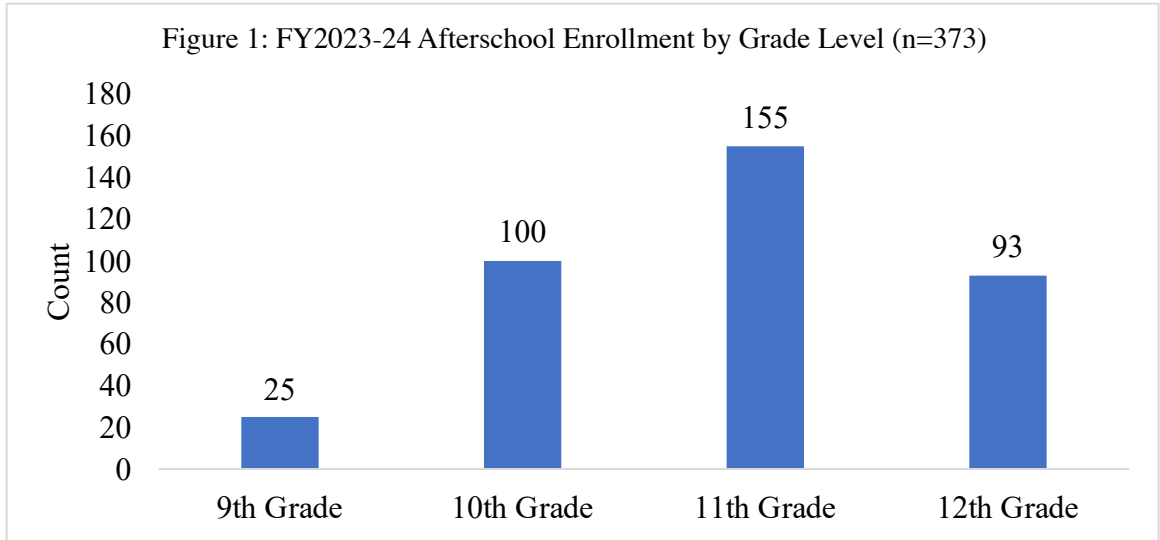


Figure 1 Note: FY2023-24 Afterschool Session reported as of April 7, 2024. The numbers are preliminary and may change upon session closure as enrollment is ongoing

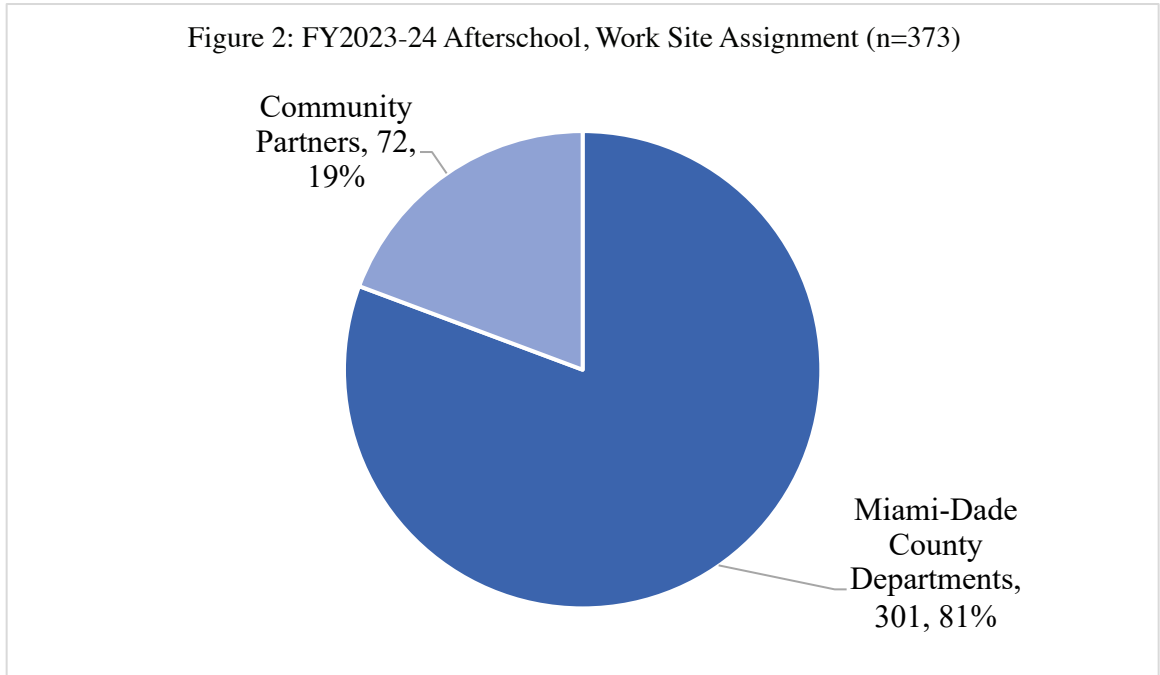


Figure 2 Note: FY2023-24 Afterschool Session reported as of April 7, 2024. The numbers are preliminary and may change upon session closure.

When comparing the FY2022-23 Afterschool session to FY2023-24, the average hours worked weekly per intern rose from **9.93 to 13.34**, with a **12% increase** in the number of interns participating in the FY2023-24 Afterschool session. In the FY2022-23 Afterschool session, the total hours worked were 252.83 compared to FY2023-24 session, where the yielding average is 281.25 total hours per intern. This finding indicates that the increase in total hours worked cannot solely be attributed to the higher number of interns but rather suggests the commitment or productivity of each intern. Furthermore, while lacking empirical evidence, it could imply the intervention support and services provided to youth by staff may assist with overcoming challenges to program participation.

In the Summer 2023 session, interns accumulated an average of 21.9 hours, optimizing the available working weeks. During the Summer 2023 session, an anonymous survey administered by PROS was conducted among youth participants to assess their satisfaction with the internship. **The findings revealed that 88.7% of survey participants enjoyed their internship experience, 91.9% considered the internship site a favorable workplace, and 79.0% found the assigned work aligned with their future career goals.** Below are a few direct quotes from survey respondents.

*“The internship gave me a sense of responsibility.”*

*“This internship positively impacted me by teaching me about taking responsibility for the things I want to do in life.”*

*“I’ve made great new friends, we also created strong bonds with each other. I also learned new skills I never thought I would learn, while gaining more knowledge from my peers that worked there. Really loved working there and would love to work there again.”*

*“The internship allowed for me to practice my social skills and help out my community in a positive environment.”*

*“The internship made me feel more confident with social interactions.”*

*“It taught me responsibility.”*

*“I’ve learned to be more organized and how important it is to finish tasks.”*

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### Fit2Lead Enrollment Data: June 2021 to September 2023

Between Summer 2021 and Summer 2023, **1,521 unique youth** participated in Fit2Lead of which **44% participated in two or more sessions** of the program. Of the 1,521 interns, **231** identified as involved or having been system-involved. From Summer 2021 to the end of Summer 2023, **\$5,083,834** in Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust funds have been invested in Fit2Lead, along with other supplemental funding. During the same period, **\$4,408,108** in wages have been paid to Fit2Lead interns for **317,587** hours of work completed.

### Miami-Dade Commission District Fit2Lead Intern Enrollment

Table 3 provides the number of Fit2Lead interns enrolled between Summer 2021 and Summer 2023 and the enrollment for the current afterschool session by Miami-Dade County Commission District.

Miami-Dade County Commission District	Summer 2021 - Summer 2023		FY 2023-24 Afterschool <sup>1</sup>	
	Total Number of Fit2Lead Interns	Percentage	Total Number of Fit2Lead Interns	Percentage
1	276	18.3%	45	12.1%
2	332	22%	95	25.5%
3	376	24.9%	93	24.9%
4	26	1.7%	5	1.3%
5	15	1%	1	0.3%
6	16	1.1%	2	0.5%
7	13	0.9%	1	0.3%
8	109	7.2%	36	9.7%
9	255	16.9%	70	18.8%
10	37	2.5%	6	1.6%
11	22	1.5%	5	1.3%
12	26	1.7%	10	2.7%
13	18	1.2%	4	1.1%
	1,521		373	

Data Source: PROS Fit2Lead enrollment rosters

1. FY2023-24 Afterschool Session reported as of April 7, 2024. The numbers are preliminary and will change upon session closure. The Plan provides funding for 200 internship slots (PROS funds the remaining slots).

### Fit2Lead Demographics

Table 4 presents demographic data for the Fit2Lead program categorized by age, sex, race, and ethnicity. The average age of youth upon enrollment in Fit2Lead is 16. Between Summer 2021 to Summer 2023, Fit2Lead served more female participants overall, with 925 females (60.8%) compared to 596 males (39.1%). When examining racial demographics, Black participants constitute the largest group across all sessions, with 1,205 (79.9%) in Summer 2021 through Summer 2023. Hispanic participants are lower than non-Hispanics, comprising 9.9% from Summer 2021 through Summer 2023. Of the 1,521 Fit2Lead interns, **441 reside in a Community Development Block Grant area**, of which 91% reside in unincorporated Miami-Dade.

Table 4: Fit2Lead Demographics				
	Summer 2021 - Summer 2023		Afterschool 2023-2024 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	596	39.1%	133	35.7%
Female	925	60.8%	240	64.3%
<b>Race</b>				
Asian	5	0.3%	2	0.5%
Black	1,205	79.9%	310	83.1%
White	276	18.3%	43	11.5%
Multiracial	18	1.2%	1	0.3%
Other	16	1.1%	1	0.3%
Unknown	1	0.1%	16	4.3%
<b>Ethnicity</b>				
Hispanic	149	9.9%	8	2.1%
Non-Hispanic	1,372	91.0%	365	97.9%
<b>Total Enrolled:</b>	<b>1,521</b>		<b>373</b>	
<sup>1</sup> FY2023-24 Afterschool Session reported as of April 7, 2024. This count includes individuals who may have participated in more than one Fit2Lead session and does not represent the unique number of participants.				

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Table 5 presents the top 15 Miami-Dade County schools that youth enrolled in the Fit2Lead program attended from Summer 2021 to Summer 2023, along with the Commission District each school is located in.

<b>Table 5: Top 15 Schools Fit2Lead Interns attended Summer 2021- Summer 2023</b>		
<b>School</b>	<b>Commission District</b>	<b>No. of Youth</b>
William H. Turner Technical Arts High	2	123
Miami Edison Senior High	3	106
American Senior High	13	91
Robert Morgan Educational Center	9	91
North Miami Senior High	2	72
Miami Northwestern Senior High	3	68
Booker T. Washington Senior High	3	62
Miami Carol City Senior High	1	62
Homestead Senior High	9	54
North Miami Beach Senior High	4	53
Miami Central Senior High	2	43
Miami Jackson Senior High	3	41
South Dade Senior High	8	40
Miami Norland Senior High	3	30
Miami Coral Park Senior High	10	29
Miami Southridge Senior High	9	28
Southwest Miami Senior High	10	27
iTech Academy	3	26
<i>Data Source: PROS Fit2Lead enrollment rosters</i>		



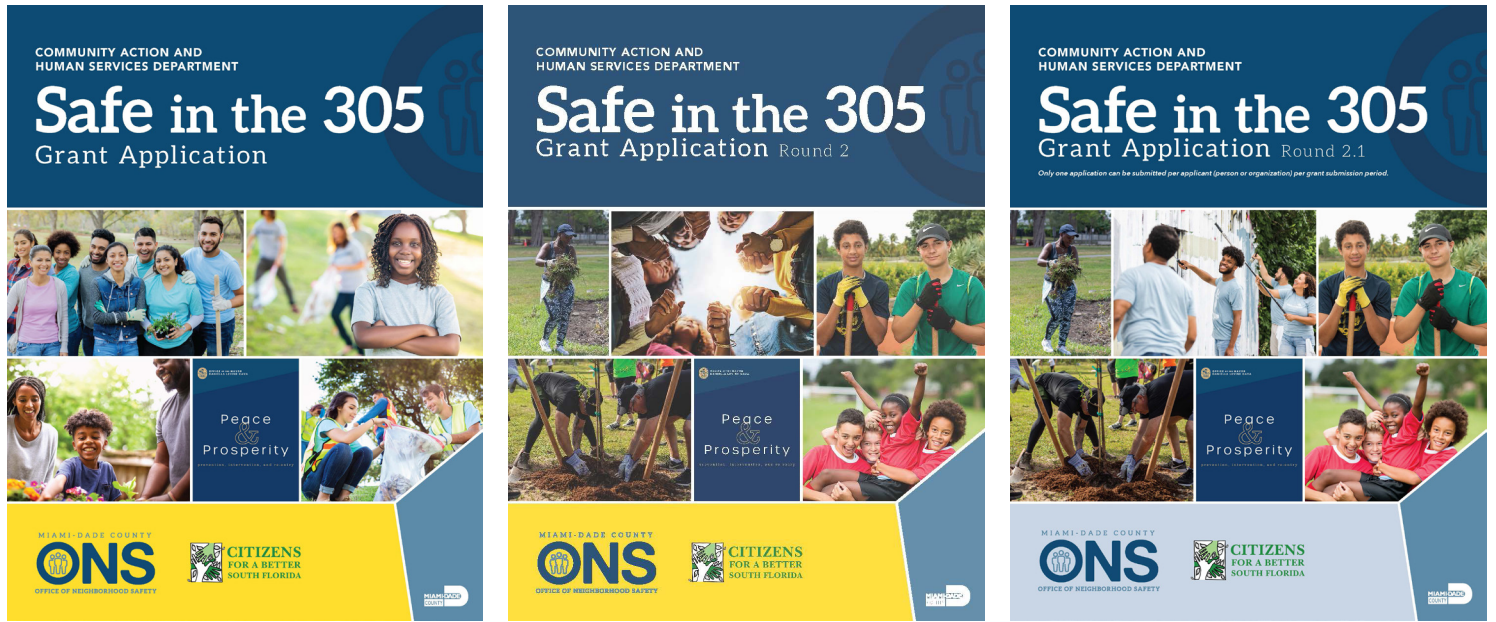
### System-Involved Youth

From Summer 2021 to Summer 2023, **231** Fit2Lead interns were identified as system-involved. Fit2Lead interns identified as system-involved are defined as youth or young adults with prior or present involvement in the juvenile justice system, dependency system, or participating in a JSD prevention program. Of the 231 youth served, 222 were referred by JSD. Youth served through JSD's prevention and diversion programs, including Fit2Lead participants, are presented with the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) screening instrument as part of the intake process. The ACE screening tool is a widely recognized and validated instrument that identifies childhood traumas and their potential impacts on a youth's wellbeing. In addition to the ACE, youth are also administered other evidence-based assessment tools, such as the Global Assessment of Individual Needs-Quick (GAIN-Q) and Youth Level of Services (YLS). This multifaceted approach ensures that the youth's individualized needs are identified and addressed. Through individualized case management plans, youth are linked to community-based organizations for services. JSD case managers provide ongoing monitoring and support to youth and their families to ensure the completion of case management goals. Table 6 highlights the number of Fit2Lead interns identified as system-involved by Miami-Dade County Commission District for the above-mentioned period.

**Table 6: Number of system-involved Fit2Lead Interns by Miami-Dade County Commission District, Summer 2021 – Summer 2023**

Miami-Dade County Commission District	Total Number of System-involved Fit2Lead Interns	Percentage
1	58	25.1%
2	53	22.9%
3	31	13.4%
4	4	1.7%
5	2	0.9%
6	1	0.4%
7	6	2.6%
8	23	10%
9	44	19%
10	3	1.3%
11	0	0%
12	2	0.9%
13	4	1.7%
	231	

Data Source: PROS Fit2Lead enrollment rosters



### Safe in the 305 Grant Program

The Safe in the 305 Grant program, administered by the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), encourages resident leaders and organizations to promote peace and prosperity across communities by funding community-driven actions that make neighborhoods safer. Projects have been diverse in crime prevention methodology – encompassing neighborhood beautification efforts, mental health and wellness, bridging literacy gaps, youth engagement, second chance services, and more. Awards range from \$500 to \$1,500.

ONS has launched five rounds of Safe in the 305 Grant program, of which three have been completed (FY2023-24 fiscal year programming is underway). In the first three rounds, ONS received **280** applications and funded **88** projects throughout Miami-Dade County, investing a total of **\$102,600** in community-focused initiatives.

Round	Application Period	Project Implementation
Round 1	June 6 - July 6, 2022	August 5 - October 31, 2022
Round 2	April 26 - May 26, 2023	July 17 - November 26, 2023
Round 2.1	July 17 - August 2, 2023	September 11, 2023 - January 19, 2024
Round 3	January 29 - March 1, 2024	April 29 - August 30, 2024
Round 3.1	May 1 - May 15, 2024	July 1 - October 31, 2024

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**Table 7: Safe in the 305 Project Funding Totals by Commission District  
Rounds 1, 2 and 2.1 (2022-2024)**

<b>Miami-Dade County Commission District</b>	<b>Total Number of Funded Projects</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
1	10	\$11,950.00
2	16	\$18,673.00
3	21	\$23,060.00
4	0	\$0.00
5	3	\$2,245.00
6	5	\$4,550.00
7	4	\$5,500.00
8	9	\$10,446.50
9	15	\$20,775.00
10	1	\$1,000.00
11	1	\$700.00
12	2	\$2,200.00
13	1	\$1,500.00
	<b>88</b>	<b>\$102,599.50</b>

The 88 funded projects focused on five key areas: prevention, intervention, reentry, community revitalization, and economic investment. Figure 3 depicts the number of funded projects in each focus area. There is consistent interest in community revitalization projects, with 21 projects indicating sustained efforts in this impact area. Prevention projects consistently indicate an increasing emphasis on proactive measures to address community challenges. Projects addressing multiple impact areas slightly increased, suggesting an awareness, and implementing of holistic solutions to community issues. The number of projects focused on reentry remained relatively stable across rounds, highlighting ongoing efforts to support individuals reintegrating into the community. Overall, these trends provide insights into the evolving priorities and strategies of the Safe in the 305 Grant program, showcasing a mix of sustained focus areas and adaptability to emerging community needs.

Figure 3: Safe in the 305 Impact Areas, Rounds 1 - 2.1

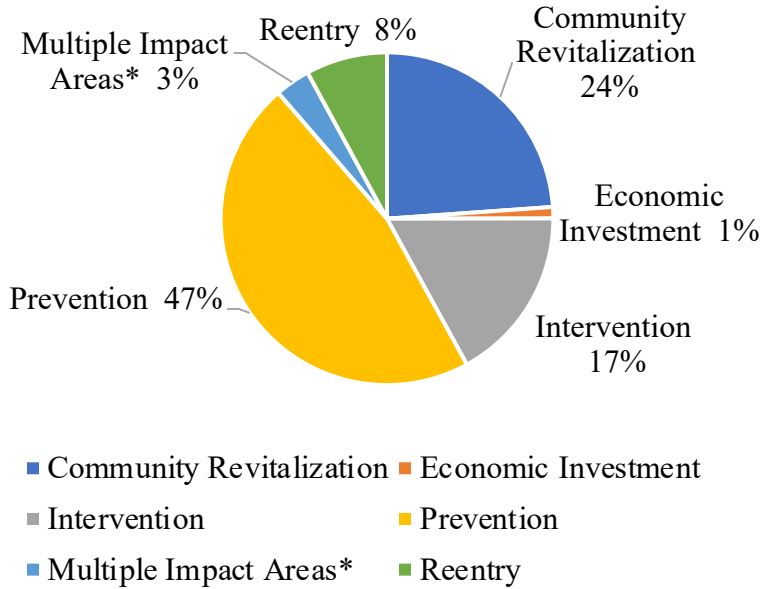
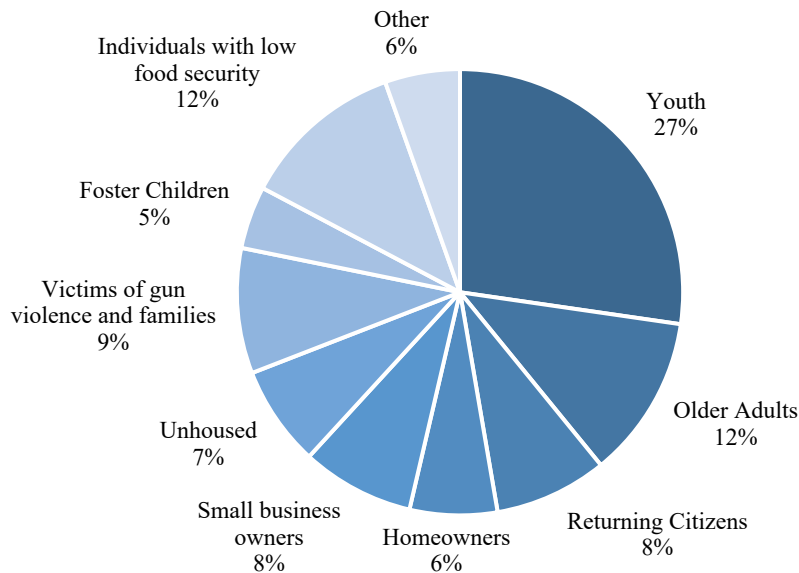


Figure 3 Note: Multiple Impact Areas are projects that overlap multiple impact areas

Figure 4: Populations served by Safe in the 305 projects, Rounds 1 - 2.1



# Safe in the 305 Project Highlights



## THE SCHOOL PANTRY COALITION- \$1,500 (DISTRICT 12)

Diana H, a 17-year-old high school student at Coral Reef Senior High School, is the youngest Safe in the 305 grant recipient and project organizer establishing six school pantries throughout Miami-Dade County. Diana's initiative empowered students and communities at participating schools by providing improved access to essential academic resources and alleviating financial burdens on students and their families. The participating Miami-Dade County public schools engaged an average of 5 to 15 volunteers per pantry, providing toiletries, school supplies, and other items to an estimated 5,000 students.

## #NO LIMITS YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE- \$1,500 (DISTRICT 1)

The #No Limits Youth Empowerment Conference showcased post-secondary education and non-degree career pathways to students through community-led panels retelling firsthand experiences about overcoming adversity and motivational speeches such as "Shape your Mind to Shape Your Future" by Eva Bryant. Students were given unique opportunities to receive mentorship, explore non-traditional careers, and expand their professional network while discussing the importance of mental health and wellness. With the help of partner institutions such as Miami Dade College, Florida Memorial University, and Miami Lakes Technical College, the project reached its goal of serving 93 students representing eight youth organizations throughout Miami-Dade County.



## THE START LAB: A COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE INITIATIVE- \$1,500 (DISTRICT 7)

The Start Lab project aimed to close the digital divide in the West Coconut Grove community by providing youth participants with academic assistance in subject areas such as Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics by state certified teachers. The project helped 35 youth improve their grades as demonstrated through an increase in their Grade Point Average. The gratitude in the community was overwhelming, with parents thanking the program for helping "children [...] achieve their full potential."

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# Safe in the 305 Project Highlights



## THE RE-ENTRY RESOURCES PROJECT- \$1,500 (DISTRICT 3)

The Empowerment Zone Re-entry Initiative (EZRI) assisted returning citizens in overcoming post-incarceration obstacles and providing essential items to unhoused persons in Overtown. The project is credited for facilitating the issuance of six driver's licenses, one birth certificate, and over 140 hygiene kits and snack bags. During their community outreach, EZRI bridged the gap in reentry resources by providing case management assistance for justice-involved individuals and registering unhoused persons with the Homeless Trust.

## HEALTH IS WEALTH- FOOD & HEALTH- \$1,500 (DISTRICT 2)

It Takes a Village Academy sought to address food insecurity within their community and provide essential hygiene and health products, such as toothbrushes, body wash, and other toiletries. In their endeavor, It Takes a Village Academy reached over 100 families per drive, covering an expansive six-county zip code area with the help of youth volunteers. One mother, who received items, expressed: "You just don't know how much this is helping me and my kids."



In January 2024, ONS conducted a survey of Round 1 to 2.1 grantees to gather feedback about their experiences throughout the grant life cycle and assess the outcomes of their projects. Key findings from survey respondents indicated:

- **46.51%** felt the Safe in the 305 Grant program influenced their involvement in the community, and **88.37%** reported continuing to have an active role in the community in the last 12 months.
- Grantees self-reported their projects increased awareness and education (**58.1%**), positively impacted youth (**53.5%**), and strengthened community bonds (**51.2%**).
- **93%** of grantees were satisfied with the support provided by the Office of Neighborhood Safety throughout the project's life cycle.
- **93%** of grantees would apply for another round of Safe in the 305 grant funding.

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## Quotes from Safe in the 305 Grantees

*“The flexibility of the grant program was extremely beneficial for our project. The ability to allocate funds to different aspects of our project as needed allowed us to adapt to unexpected challenges and make the most of the funding. Additionally, the application process was straightforward, and the grant administrators were helpful and responsive throughout the entire process. Overall, the grant program provided the support and resources necessary for our project to succeed.”*

*“The grant allowed my organization to work with several communities that really appreciated the service provided. We were able to connect several providers to community resources for children in their program.”*



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## Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Programming

### Turn Around Police Academy

Established in 2021, the Turn Around Police (TAP) Academy is an intensive 11-week program held twice a year in different areas of the County. The program aims to reduce juvenile crime rates among 13- to 17-year-old participants, identified by JSD and the Department of Juvenile Justice, for felony and misdemeanor offenses, such as thefts, batteries, burglaries, carrying concealed firearms, or robberies. Additionally, TAP extends its reach to include youth at an elevated risk of violence already receiving assessment and case management services from JSD and mentoring services from MDPD. The curriculum fosters positive interaction, encourages responsibility, and steers young individuals from further involvement in the judicial system. Through a collaborative approach, TAP employs diverse prevention techniques to deter at-risk behaviors, adopting a holistic approach involving family, school, and law enforcement mentoring services.

- **101** youth served via six TAP cohorts. Of these, **84** (83%) completed the program.
- Of the **84** graduates, 13 (15%) juveniles were re-arrested within a year of completing the program. There were no rearrests from the latest class to graduate in November 2023.
- Through JSD's administration of evidence-based tools, assessment results indicate that **41%** of JSD referred participants have **substance abuse issues**, **46%** have **family issues**, and **54%** have **mental health issues**. As a result, JSD staff developed a treatment plan with each participant and participants have been linked to community-based organizations that addressed their service needs.
- **82%** of TAP participants referred by JSD have received assessments and completed their JSD treatment plans.

### Youth Outreach Unit

The Youth Outreach Unit (YOU) is a community initiative strategically deploying police officers to targeted areas within Miami-Dade County, channeling resources to engage and connect with youth ages 11-17 facing an elevated risk of violence, particularly during afterschool hours. The primary objective of YOU is to establish relationships with at-risk youth and their families, aiming to mitigate group violence through communal engagement and participation. The selected juveniles are recruited by MDPD officers or referred to the program by their school, family, friends, and/or the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) program. GVI seeks to reduce group violence with a nexus to homicides and gun violence by identifying individuals at high risk of committing violence and focusing on preventing retaliatory behaviors. After a shooting incident, the GVI Street Outreach Team responds to the victim's home. During this time, if the victim has a sibling or relative living within the same residence, the YOU officers initiate the recruitment and enrollment. YOU participants and members of their household are referred to Citrus Health for mental wellness and support services.

- There have been **101** total YOU participants and **50** youth with shared enrollment between YOU and Youth Athletic and Mentoring Initiative since the program's inception.
- To date, the youth interacting with YOU officers have not committed a crime and display a nearly **90%** attendance every week, demonstrating their buy-in and desire to interact with the YOU officers.

### Youth Athletic Mentoring Initiative

The Youth Athletic Mentoring Initiative is a no-cost summer camp initiative designed to engage youth at risk of exposure to gun violence and those from lower-income households.

- In Summer 2022, **47 youth** were enrolled, and in Summer 2023, **41 participants** were enrolled, including three returning enrollees.

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### Cyber Intelligence Analysts

The MDPD Cyber Crimes Bureau (CCB), established in April 2021, primarily focuses on incorporating an analytical component in cyber operations. The Plan provided \$341,676 to hire four analysts tasked with monitoring social media for gun violence and other criminal activity indicators.

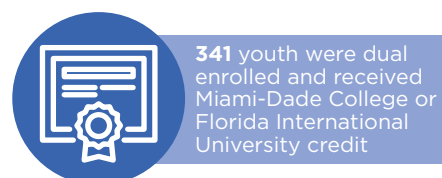
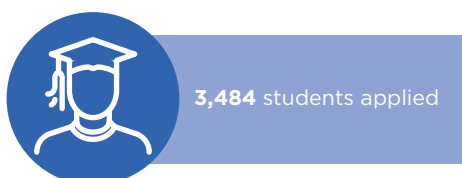
- The CCB remains actively engaged in several ongoing gun-related cases, identifying subjects, with a spider web-like network of connections continuing to grow as more suspects are identified.

### Project Green Light Miami-Dade

Project Green Light Miami-Dade (PGL) is a public/private partnership designed to deter, identify, and solve crime through the installation of high-definition cameras at participating businesses which are connected, and video streamed directly into MDPD's Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). While Peace & Prosperity Plan funding is dedicated to support small businesses in communities with high crime, MDPD has developed protocols to allow medium and large retailers to participate in the program at your own expense and at no cost to the County. MDPD continues its procurement processes as it on-boards new businesses to supply and install the required equipment, including but not limit to, high-definition cameras, video storage, and the flashing green light and signage that signifies that the business is an official partner of Project Green Light Miami-Dade. MDPD has also expanded its PGL to Miami-Dade County departments, such as Transportation and Public Work, PROS, and Seaport by feeding camera footage into the RCCC. This expansion increased support for citizens and offer safety in densely populated areas. For example, the Northside and Overtown Metrorail Stations were equipped with green lights and signage through the expanded PGL.

### Summer Youth Internship Program

The Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) is a partnership between the Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board d/b/a CareerSource South Florida, and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, which sponsors student internships annually at a variety of organizations and businesses over the course of the summer. Trust funds allocated via the Plan supported an additional 500 SYIP slots in Summer 2021 and 350 additional slots in 2022. Summer 2022 SYIP highlights include:



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Summer 2022 student demographic information includes: **43%** of the participants were sixteen, **55%** were in the 11th grade, **33%** were Black, and **60%** identified as female. Additionally, **44** youth interns were homeless, **120** were English Language Learners, and **20** were in foster care.

Since the collaboration's inception, Miami-Dade County has invested \$1,000,000 to SYIP annually. Although not supported with additional Trust fund dollars in Summer 2023, the program did receive \$1,000,000 from the Ken Griffin Charitable Foundation. Summer 2023 highlights include:

- **4,657** youth applied;
- **3,060** were enrolled and completed **418,843** hours;
- **2,218 (73%)** qualified for free/reduced lunch and **937 (31%)** were youth with exceptionalities;
- **473** youth were dual enrolled and received Miami-Dade College credit, the highest number since the inception of SYIP; and
- **79** schools participated, including **14** Charter Schools (the first-year charter schools were included in the program).



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# SUPPLEMENTAL ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

## Office of Neighborhood Safety Scholars Program

The Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) partnered with Family and Community Services, a division within the Community Action and Human Services Department, to launch the ONS Scholars program and has provided **90 \$1,500 scholarships** to youth in communities disproportionately affected by gun violence and residing in households that meet Community Services Block Grant federal poverty guidelines. In 2022, 40 educational scholarships were awarded, and 50 were awarded in 2023 to youth enrolling in/or currently attending postsecondary institutions. The 90 scholarship recipients represented 35 colleges/universities.

**Table 8: Highlights institutions of higher learning attended by the 90 scholarship recipients:**

Alabama State University (3)	Florida Gulf Coast University (1)	Southern University and A & M College (1)
Albany State University (1)	Florida International University (3)	St. Thomas University (1)
Barry University (1)	Florida Memorial University (2)	Tennessee State University (1)
Bethune Cookman University (5)	Florida State University (7)	University of Central Florida (3)
Broward College (2)	Georgia State University (1)	University of Florida (1)
Davidson College (1)	Grambling State University (1)	University of Miami (2)
Delaware State University (1)	Howard University (2)	University of Mount Union (1)
Eastern University (1)	Jacksonville University (1)	University of North Florida (2)
Edward Waters University (1)	Miami Dade College (29)	University of South Florida (1)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (1)	Morgan State University (1)	University of Southern California (1)
Florida A&M University (5)	Palm Beach Atlantic University (1)	Yeshiva University (Stern College for Women) (1)
Florida Atlantic University (3)	Santa Fe College (1)	

### Operation Community Shield

Operation Community Shield, led by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) is a joint gun violence reduction initiative in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. Launched in June 2021, the initiative has yielded the following results across Unincorporated Miami-Dade County through September 2023:



- Removal of **2,840 firearms** from the streets
- Generated **1,886 investigative leads** based on firearms evidence, **recovered \$3,221,540.65** in currency, 1,076 stolen vehicles, and significant quantities of illegal substances, such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine.
- Between January 1, 2023, and September 2023, overall **shootings were down by 13%**.
- When comparing 2023 to the same period in 2021, overall shootings were down 24% overall, with a decrease of 1% in the Northside District, 14% in the Intracoastal District, and 48% in the South District.

### Anti-Violence Intervention/Group Violence Intervention

Implemented in 2019 with oversight by the Juvenile Services Department (JSD), the Miami-Dade Anti-Violence Initiative (AVI)/Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Program focuses on reducing violence through four key components: Prevention, Intervention, Suppression, and Reentry. The GVI approach aims to minimize community harm, enhance law enforcement-community relationships, and decrease homicide and gun violence. AVI/GVI outcomes include:

- The Street Outreach Team **responded to 798 shooting incidents** since the program's inception.
- Walking One Stop brings together elected officials, faith leaders, service providers, and law enforcement to address gun violence and has **connected over 1,562 households to resources** since March 2019.
- With support from MDPD, the Street Outreach Team, AVI Project Manager, Faith-based Coordinator, and others have **conducted 121 custom notifications to potential gang members** or individuals instigating violence.
- **5,557 inmates** have participated in Positive Peer Leadership mentoring.

### Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program

Introduced in December 2021 as an integral element of AVI/GVI, in partnership with Jackson Health System and Ummah Futures International LLC, the Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) emerged as a crucial lifeline for those affected by group violence. The HVIP model meets victims of gun violence and their families in the hospital to provide support and to intervene and disrupt potential retaliatory acts of violence.

Expanded in December 2022, the program now includes a Registered Nurse providing compassionate, personalized care in the homes of gun violence victims. The nurse collaborates with a multi-disciplinary team of professionals at Jackson Health System Ryder Trauma, focused on discharge planning, wound care, education, and facilitating follow-up medical appointments. HVIP outcomes include:

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- **101 in-home visits** by the nurse to 30 victims of gun violence
- **1,892 services provided to 476 individuals**, including **94 relocation assistance** to clients threatened with victimization or re-victimization, **24 Fit2Lead placements**, **144 psychosocial assessments**, **393 mental health linkages**, **128 mental health assessments**, and **assistance with 1,546 applications for various support services**, addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by those affected by gun violence.

### 305 Second Chance Job & Resource Expo

ONS, in partnership with the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and CareerSource South Florida, hosted the inaugural 305 Second Chance Job & Resource Expo, which attracted more than **700 attendees with 69 employers, rights restoration organizations, social services and education providers, government entities, and reentry community partners participating**. The 305 Second Chance Job & Resource Expo provided returning citizens with job opportunities and the resources and support needed to reintegrate into the community. Attendees met with second chance employers representing various sectors, including government, hospitality, social services, food service, and labor. Resources include assistance with fines and fees, voter registration, sealing & expungement review, housing, utility and basic needs assistance, health and wellness resources, and much more. The Miami Dolphins Foundation and Starbucks were sponsors of the event. Further amplifying services and opportunities for returning citizens, the Miami Dolphins sponsored lunch for all attendees by funding food trucks owned and operated by second chance citizens. A second expo was held in April 2024, which served 988 attendees.

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## 305 Second Chance Job & Resource Expo

This free event connects formerly incarcerated individuals to employment opportunities, support services and resources, including:

- Job opportunities with government and private sector employers
- Educational and vocational training information
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (Voter rights and Fines & Fees)
- Sealing and Expungement
- Identification and documentation recovery
- Housing and basic needs assistance
- Health and wellness resources
- Veterans Services
- Family assistance and youth programs
- And much more!

**BRING COPIES OF YOUR RESUMÉ**

### Friday, June 10, 2022

**9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
Miami-Dade County Main Library  
101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130

- Take Metrorail or Metromover to the Government Center station.
- Metrobus also stops north of the Main Library in front of the Stephen P. Clark Center.
- Discounted parking is available for \$5 (with ticket validation) at the Miami-Dade Cultural Center Garage at 50 NW 2nd Avenue. (Must enter after 9:30a.m.)

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Logos for CareerSource South Florida, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, ONS, and other partners.

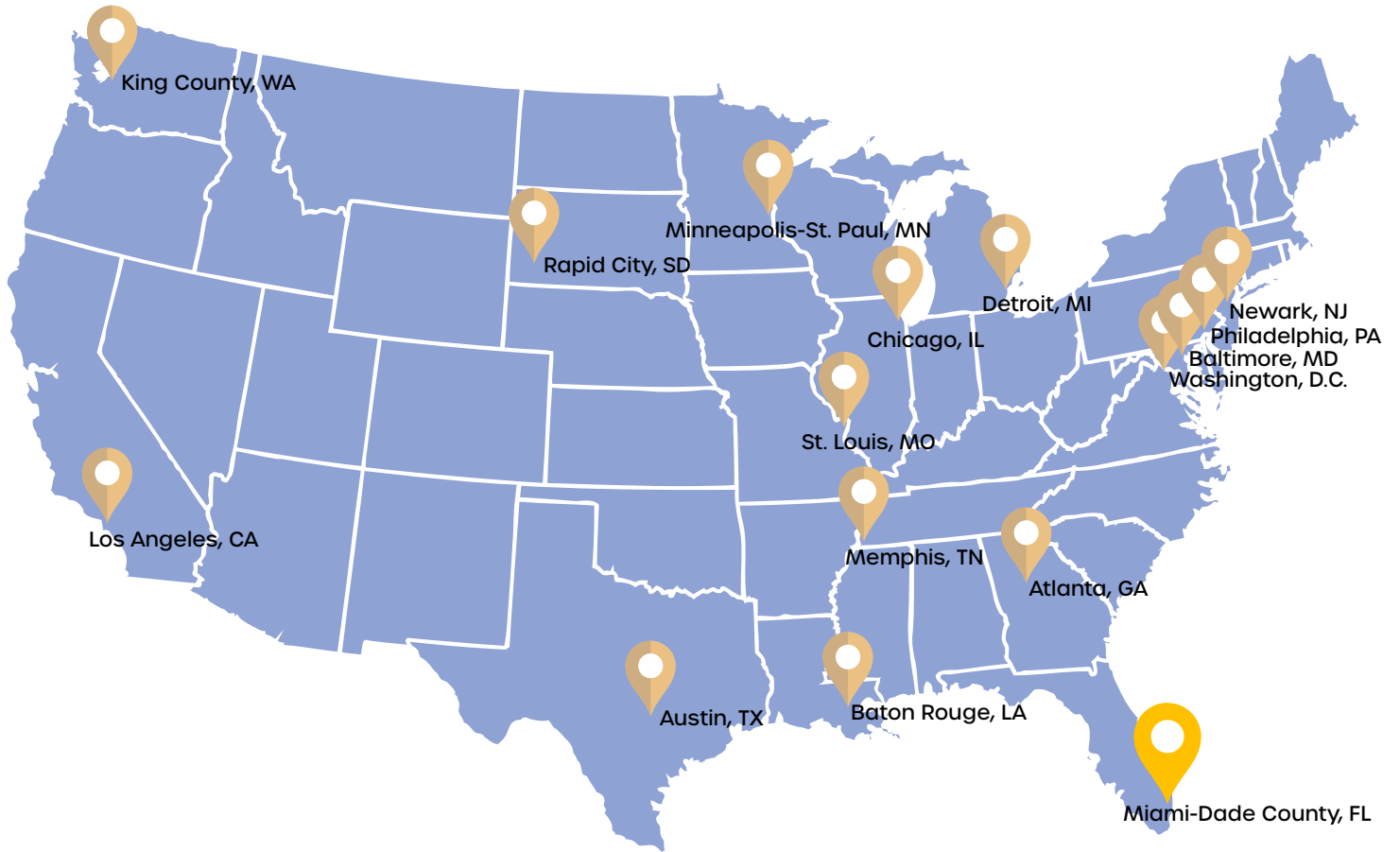
### Crisis Response Unit

The MDPD's Crisis Response Unit (CRU), established in May 2023, consists of highly trained officers offering specialized assistance during mental health crises, psychiatric nurse paramedics, and licensed clinicians who respond to mental health calls and support affected individuals and families. The CRU aims to safely de-escalate, assess, and divert crisis individuals to behavioral health services. In the first five months, CRU officers responded to **495 crisis calls**, resulting in a **48% involuntary hospitalization** rate under the Florida Mental Health Act. This contrasts with patrol officers' 83% involuntary hospitalization rate, highlighting the CRU's effectiveness and co-response model. The CRU provided **165 referrals to Behavioral Health Services** during the same period.

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### White House Community Violence Intervention Collaborative

MDC was one of the 16 jurisdictions that participated in the White House Community Violence Intervention Collaborative, an 18-month anti-gun violence capacity building and technical assistance effort. ONS led this initiative at no additional cost to the County, with four organizations leading and supporting the County’s GVI strategy. This experience provided the hands-on experience and subject-matter expertise needed to develop, implement, and launch the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative.

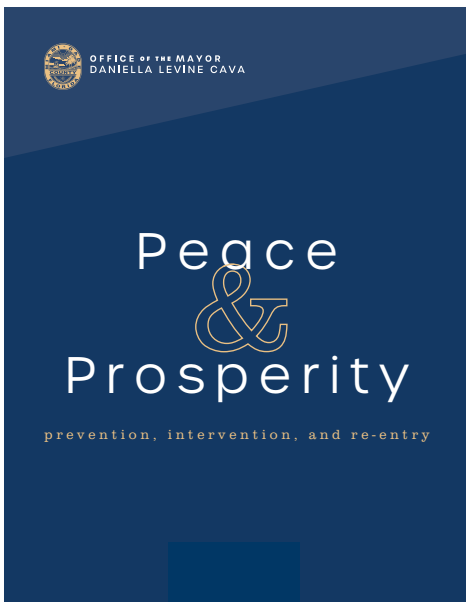


### Miami-Dade County Violence Intervention Initiative

Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention (CVI) is a countywide and community-led strategy that further strengthens the County’s existing anti-gun violence efforts. The CVI Plan invests **\$8,943,000** in community centric services of which **\$8,135,560** is being administered by the Carrie Meek Foundation through September 2025 with oversight by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Office Management and Budget. CVI is **funding 84 organizations** to lead innovative programming in communities impacted by gun violence with a focus on prevention services, reentry, high-risk intervention work, and mental and emotional wellness. Additionally, **two organizations** are providing capacity building and technical assistance to several grassroots groups funded via CVI.



## FY2023-24 PEACE & PROSPERITY PLAN



Commenced on October 1, 2023, and concluding on September 30, 2024, the FY2023-24 Plan continues to champion anti-gun violence initiatives, emphasizing the engagement and employment of youth alongside community-level investments. This strategic plan aims to continue addressing and mitigating the impact of gun violence through targeted funding and programming, including developing the Miami-Dade County Reentry Resource Guide. The total approved FY2023-24 Plan investments is \$3,254,282. For further details on the FY 2023-24 Plan initiatives, you are encouraged to visit the [Peace & Prosperity Plan - Fiscal Year 2023-2024](#).

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REPORT ON THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

# Peace & Prosperity Plan

AND SUPPLEMENTAL ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE INITIATIVES  
JUNE 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 2023



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA





**MEMORANDUM**  
(Revised)

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

**DATE:** September 17, 2024

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

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)

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 *Daniella Levine Caron* Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 9(A)(1)  
9-17-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-785-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY PLAN ("PLAN") FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,735,203.00; ALLOCATING TO THE FY 2024-25 PLAN: (1) \$2,450,000.00 FROM KASEYA CENTER NAMING RIGHTS REVENUES IN THE ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE AND PROSPERITY INITIATIVES TRUST FUND ("TRUST FUND"); (2) \$554,703.00 OF CARRYOVER TRUST FUND DOLLARS FROM PRIOR YEARS AND ANTICIPATED CARRYOVER TRUST FUND DOLLARS FROM FY 2023-24; AND (3) \$100,000.00 OF CARRYOVER FROM THE JUVENILE SERVICES TRUST FUND FROM FY 2023-24; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO: (1) EXPEND ALL SUCH ALLOCATED FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FY 2024-25 PLAN; (2) SELECT AN ORGANIZATION TO ADMINISTER AND PROVIDE SUBGRANTS FOR THE SAFE IN THE 305 GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FY 2024-25 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00, INCLUSIVE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, AND TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF SAID AGREEMENT; (3) SELECT AN ENTITY TO EVALUATE THE PLAN, AND TO NEGOTIATE EXECUTE, AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND SAID ENTITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00; AND (4) APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PLAN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AS WELL AS EXECUTE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN; AND WAIVING RESOLUTION NO. R-130-06

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated by reference,

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

**Section 1.** Incorporates the above recital herein by reference and approves same.

**Section 2.** Approves the Peace and Prosperity Plan (“Plan”) for FY 2024-25 as set forth in Exhibit “A” to the County Mayor’s Memorandum in the amount of \$3,735,203.00. Said amount includes \$630,500.00 of federal earmark funds, that the County expects to be awarded by September 30, 2024. This Board must authorize the use of such funding before it is expended, including for the Fit2Lead Program or any other component of the Plan.

**Section 3.** Allocates to the FY 2024-25 Plan: (a) \$2,450,000.00 from Kaseya Center naming rights revenues in the Anti-Gun Violence and Prosperity Initiatives Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”); (b) \$554,703.00 of carryover Trust Fund dollars from prior years and anticipated carryover Trust Fund dollars from FY 2023-24; and (c) \$100,000.00 in carryover from the Juvenile Services Trust Fund from FY 2023-24. This Board further authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to expend all funds approved herein consistent with the FY 2024-25 Plan.

**Section 4.** Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to select a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization to administer and award sub-grants for the Safe in the 305 Grants Program for FY 2024-25, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and said organization in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, inclusive of an administrative fee not to exceed 10 percent, in accordance with and as set forth in the FY 2024-25 Plan.

**Section 5.** Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to select an entity to conduct an independent evaluation of the Plan, to assess programming administered between October 1, 2022, and December 31, 2024, and to negotiate, execute, and exercise all provisions of an agreement between Miami-Dade County and said entity in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Section 6.** Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to apply for, receive, expend, and execute grant agreements for additional grant funds for the FY 2024-25 Plan, as well as exercise all provisions contained therein, including amendment and termination provisions, provided that: (1) the amount of funds provided is not greater than \$1,000,000.00; (2) any matching funds required by the grant are approved and allocated in the then-current fiscal year County budget; (3) the terms of any grant agreement will not hinder the County from seeking other grants or funding sources; and (4) the granting entity does not require Board approval.

**Section 7.** Waives the provisions of Resolution No. R-130-06 requiring that agreements with non-governmental entities be executed by all other parties prior to presentation to this Board for approval.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sen. René García** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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: Basia Pruna  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SG", written over a horizontal line.

Shanika A. Graves  
Monica Rizo Perez