

Memorandum



Date: February 28, 2023

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

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(13)
April 4, 2032

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

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Subject: Report on Funding Received and Expenditures Made from the Illegal Dumping Trust Fund - Directive 211534

Executive Summary

The following information is provided in response to Resolution No. R-907-21, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on October 5, 2021, establishing the Illegal Dumping Trust Fund (IDTF), disbursing all funds from the Florida Environmental Trust Fund into the IDTF, and requiring the Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide a report to the Board within six months of the effective date and every six months thereafter. The IDTF is utilized by the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD) Illegal Dumping Unit to conduct operations and investigations that target various environmental crimes plaguing Miami-Dade County. The fund had a beginning balance of \$785,222.34. Expenditures total \$425,948.19, and the ending fund balance as of January 31, 2023 is \$374,699.87.

Background

On August 1, 2022, the IDTF had a balance of \$769,659.10, which is \$15,563.24 less than the \$785,222.34 previously reported. This adjustment is due to a delay in the INFORMS system reporting overtime expenditures. IDTF expenditures during the reporting period of August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023, totaled \$410,384.95. Revenues received by the IDTF during this reporting period included interest in the amount of \$5,647.15, court ordered payments totaling \$4,778.57 and an allocation of \$5,000.00 from Commission District 8 for the purchase of equipment. On January 31, 2023, the IDTF had an ending balance of \$374,699.87 (see attached). Expenditures made from the IDTF supported investigations conducted by 2 sergeants and 11 Illegal Dumping Unit investigators. A total of 539 investigative cases were completed that resulted in 62 felony arrests, 101 misdemeanor arrests, 10 subjects with warrants apprehended, and 398 civil citations issued. Of those arrested, 88 were for illegal dumping violations, 6 for operating unpermitted transfer stations, and 69 for various County ordinance violations. While working throughout the County, the MDPD's Illegal Dumping Unit executed six search warrants, seized three vehicles and \$1,900.00 (litigation pending), impounded two vehicles, and coordinated the removal of 354,593 cubic feet of trash.

Additionally, water vessels that have been abandoned or discarded along roadways continue to be an issue throughout the southern areas of the County. As such, the MDPD's Illegal Dumping Unit recovered three junk boats and one abandoned trailer. They also successfully investigated and arrested one suspect for felony illegal dumping and issued various civil citations for an incident of illegal dumping in Biscayne National Park located on Ragged Keys Island.

The MDPD's commitment to the County and the environment remains steadfast, and the Illegal Dumping Unit will continue to utilize the IDTF to enforce, educate, and collaborate so the County's diverse ecosystem remains protected.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda.

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Should you require additional information, please contact Director Alfredo "Freddy" Ramirez III, Miami-Dade Police Department, at (305) 471-3272.

Attachment

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**Illegal Dumping Trust Fund R-907-21
Reporting Period 7/1/2022-1/31/2023**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		\$785,222.34
JULY 2022	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$11,487.48
	Fringes	\$4,075.76
	<u>Funds Received</u>	
	Revenues	\$0.00
	Interest Income	\$0.00
	<u>Trust Fund Balance</u>	\$769,659.10
AUGUST 2022	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$96,308.68
	Fringes	\$34,170.32
	<u>Funds Received</u>	
	Revenues	
	Interest Income	\$723.89
	<u>Trust Fund Balance</u>	\$639,903.99
SEPTEMBER 2022	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$0.00
	Fringes	
	<u>Funds Received</u>	
	Revenues	\$200.00
	Interest Income	\$1,655.22
	<u>Trust Fund Balance</u>	\$641,759.21
OCTOBER 2022	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$66,003.36
	Fringes	\$23,417.99
	<u>Funds Received</u>	
	Revenues	\$0.00
	Interest Income	\$875.34
	<u>Trust Fund Balance</u>	\$553,213.20

NOVEMBER 2022	Expenditures	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$66,399.91
	Fringes	\$23,558.69
	Funds Received	
	Revenues	\$0.00
	Interest Income	\$1,116.99
	Trust Fund Balance	\$464,371.59
DECEMBER 2022	Expenditures	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$74,199.88
	Fringes	\$26,326.12
	Funds Received	
	Revenues	\$0.00
	Interest Income	\$1,275.71
	Trust Fund Balance	\$365,121.30
JANUARY 2023	Expenditures	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$0.00
	Fringes	\$0.00
	Funds Received	
	Revenues	\$4,578.57
	Interest Income	\$0.00
Allocation from FY 21/22 to purchase equipment	\$5,000.00	
	Trust Fund Balance	\$374,699.87
Reporting period Totals	Expenditures	
	Equipment	\$0.00
	Investigative Overtime	\$314,399.31
	Fringes	\$111,548.88
	Funds Received	
Revenues	\$9,778.57	
Interest Income	\$5,647.15	
Ending Balance		\$374,699.87