

Memorandum



Date: November 19, 2025

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Seaport Department Quarterly Report of Grant Agreements and Grant
Amendments between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(2)
December 16, 2025

Executive Summary

On June 15, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approved Resolution No. R-598-21, authorizing the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to execute grant agreements, supplemental grant agreements, and related amendments for the application, receipt, and expenditure of funds for various Seaport Department (“Seaport” or “PortMiami”) capital projects and/or operating costs from available state or federal funding sources. The resolution also directed the submission of quarterly reports listing Seaport-related grant agreements, supplemental agreements, or amendments executed during the previous quarter to be reported to the Board. The attached report details all grant amendment agreements for the period from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accept the Seaport Department’s Quarterly Report of executed state and federal grant amendments between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.

Scope

PortMiami is located within District 5, which is currently an open seat. The impact of this agenda item is countywide as PortMiami is a regional asset and generates employment for residents throughout all Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The attached report includes the execution of three new federal grant agreements, summarized as follows:

1. U.S. Department of Transportation – RAISE 2023 Grant

This grant agreement, executed on July 1, 2025, supports the PortMiami: Cargo Supply Chain Master Plan. The scope includes stormwater planning and design studies, development of up to two inland cargo centers, and a financial model for these off-port sites. The overall project cost is **\$7,500,000**, of which the U.S. Department of Transportation will fund **\$5,000,000** and PortMiami will contribute **\$2,500,000**, representing a **33% local match**.

2. U.S. Department of Transportation – PIDP CPF 2024 Grant

This grant agreement, executed on September 17, 2025, funds the Seaport Decarbonization & Electrification Master Plan, which provides for the construction and installation of shore power

duct bank to connect the shore power switch at Cruise Terminals F and V to the new electrical feeder that is being installed by FPL. The total project cost is \$3,000,000, fully funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, requiring no local match contribution from the seaport.

3. **U.S. Department of Homeland Security – FEMA Port Security Grant Program (PSG) 2025**
PortMiami received notification of award on September 29, 2025 for two critical initiatives: (1) the *PortMiami Full-Scale Maritime Security Exercises* to strengthen interagency coordination and emergency response readiness, and (2) the *PortMiami Aerial Drone Management Plan* to enhance surveillance and situational awareness capabilities. The total project cost is **\$577,600**, with **\$304,600** provided by the federal grant and **\$52,500** contributed by PortMiami, representing an **approximately 17% local match**.

Track Record/Monitor

The Seaport Department staff members responsible for monitoring this report are Becky Hope, Assistant Port Director, Planning, Environment & Resiliency, and Kelli V. Gay, Seaport Grants Administration.


Background

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The attached report provides details of all grant agreements executed between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.

Benefits to the County

This grant benefits the County by enhancing PortMiami's cruise terminal and cargo infrastructure, supporting its role as a major economic driver. Upgrades and new developments will improve operational efficiency, accommodate increased passenger volumes, and attract more cruise lines, boosting tourism and generating revenue. Additionally, investments in cargo operations will enhance the movement of goods, strengthen supply chain resilience, and support local businesses that rely on imports and exports. The project also creates jobs and stimulates local economic growth through construction and related activities, further strengthening the County’s overall economic impact.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



Seaport Department Quarterly Report
Administratively Approved Grant Agreements
Reporting Period: July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025

Resolution No. R-598-21 adopted on June 15, 2021 authorized the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute grant agreements, supplemental grant agreements, and related amendments in connection therewith, for the application, receipt and expenditure of funds for various Seaport capital projects and/or operating costs from available state or federal funding sources.

Grantor & Program	Grant Project Title	Execution Date	Expiration Date	Total Project Cost	Grantor Participation	Seaport Participation	Notes
US DOT/RAISE 2023	PortMiami: Cargo Supply Chain Master Plan.	7/1/2025	6/1/2030	\$7,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	This grant agreement supports the PortMiami: Cargo Supply Chain Master Plan. The scope includes stormwater planning and design studies, development of up to two inland cargo centers, and a financial model for these off-port sites.
US DOT/PIDP CPF 2024	Seaport Decarbonization & Electrification Master Plan	9/17/2025	12/31/2027	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	This grant funds the Seaport Decarbonization & Electrification Master Plan, which supports the construction and installation of a shore power ductbank. The project connects the shore power switch at Cruise Terminals F and V to a new electrical feeder installed by Florida Power & Light (FPL), advancing the port's infrastructure for cleaner and more sustainable vessel operations.
DHS FEMA	2025 Port Security Grant	9/29/2025	8/31/2028	\$577,600	\$304,600	\$52,500	PortMiami received an award for two critical security initiatives: (1) The Full-Scale Maritime Security Exercises, aimed at strengthening interagency coordination and emergency response readiness, and the (2) Aerial Drone Management Plan, designed to enhance surveillance and situational awareness.