

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 3, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office ("MDSO") to expend Law Enforcement Trust Fund ("LETf") funds during the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and subsequent fiscal years on certain statutorily authorized crime prevention programs in accordance with Florida Statutes section 932.7055(5)(c)3.; and authorizing disbursement of LETf funds to the MDSO for such programs in accordance with Florida Statutes section 932.7055(5)

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodriguez.



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Please note any items checked.

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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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3-3-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI-DADE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ("MDSO") TO EXPEND LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ("LETF") FUNDS DURING THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS ON CERTAIN STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 932.7055(5)(c)3.; AND AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT OF LETF FUNDS TO THE MDSO FOR SUCH PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 932.7055(5)

WHEREAS, section 932.7055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, establishes the statutory framework governing the expenditure of civil forfeiture litigation proceeds; and

WHEREAS, specifically, section 932.7055(5)(a) requires that "[s]uch proceeds and interest earned therefrom shall be used for school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, drug abuse education and prevention programs, or for other law enforcement purposes, which include defraying the cost of protracted or complex investigations, providing additional equipment or expertise, purchasing automated external defibrillators for use in law enforcement vehicles, and providing matching funds to obtain federal grants"; and

WHEREAS, such proceeds are deposited in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund ("LETF"), which was established by this Board on December 2, 1980; and

WHEREAS, further, section 932.7055(5)(c)3., Florida Statutes, provides that "[a]ny local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000.00 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs" ("Crime Prevention Programs"); and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2009, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-674-09, which authorized the annual expenditure of LETF funds on the Miami-Dade Police Department's ("MDPD") Crime Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS, because the MDPD transitioned to the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office ("MDSO") on January 7, 2025, the MDSO now requires such authorization from this Board; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, this Board desires to authorize the MDSO, pursuant to Section 932.7055(5)(c)3., Florida Statutes, to annually expend at least 25 percent of LETF funds on MDSO Crime Prevention Programs, including but not limited to, Gun Bounty, Citizens' Police Academy, Students Together Against Negative Decisions, DUI Mobile Educational Center, Police Athletic League, Citizens' Crime Watch, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Mounted Patrol Unit, and Community-Oriented Support Dog,

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

Section 1. Pursuant to section 932.7055(5)(c)3., Florida Statutes, this Board authorizes the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office to expend Law Enforcement Trust Fund ("LETF") funds during the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and subsequent fiscal years on MDSO Crime Prevention Programs so long as MDSO expends at least 25 percent of LETF funding on MDSO Crime Prevention Programs. Any other requested expenditure of LETF funds shall still be subject to Board approval in accordance with section 932.7055(5)(b), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. LETF funds shall be disbursed to the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office ("MDSO") for the purposes outlined in Section 1 upon receipt of a written certification from the MDSO that the requested use of such LETF funding complies with the requirements of section 932.7055(5), Florida Statutes.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Anthony Rodriguez. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman | |
| Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman | |
| Marleine Bastien | Juan Carlos Bermudez |
| Sen. Reneé Garcia | Oliver G. Gilbert, III |
| Roberto J. Gonzalez | Keon Hardemon |
| Danielle Cohen Higgins | Vicki L. Lopez |
| Natalie Milian Orbis | Raquel A. Regalado |
| Micky Steinberg | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shanika A. Graves