

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(15)


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

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Food & Nutrition
for All Collaborative South
Florida member project

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee.



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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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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE FOOD & NUTRITION
FOR ALL COLLABORATIVE SOUTH FLORIDA MEMBER
PROJECT

WHEREAS, many residents of Miami-Dade County are currently coping with food insecurity or limited access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Health Partnership (UHP) has led a coordinated attempt to ameliorate this issue; and

WHEREAS, UHP's Food & Nutrition for All (FNFA) Collaborative is a county-wide, multi-sector initiative that coordinates food distribution, emergency food relief, and nutrition access resources across high-need communities in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025, Senator Alexis Calatayud (R – Miami) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1218 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which requested \$500,000.00 for the Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative South Florida initiative; and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2025, Representative Alex Rizo (R – Hialeah) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 3407 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which requested \$500,000.00 for the Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative South Florida initiative; and

WHEREAS, FNFA funds will directly support County residents by: (i) expanding access to free, healthy food through coordinated distributions, community fridges, and gardens, (ii) offering culturally grounded nutrition education and health screenings, (iii) providing real-time resource navigation through the FNFA Community Food Finder tool, and (iv) funding local organizations that deliver essential food relief services; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to address the issues of nutrition sufficiency and food insecurity in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board seeks to urge the Florida Legislature to fund the critical FNFA South Florida program to ameliorate poor nutrition and food insecurity among the County's most vulnerable populations,

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

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Food & Nutrition for All Collaborative South Florida member project.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and remaining Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairman Kionne L. McGhee. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	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 18th day of February, 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.



Christian J. Fernandez-Andes