



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM (FY 2011)
SECOND HALF - 111th CONGRESS

1. NAME OF DEPARTMENT

Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department

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3. PROJECT NAME

Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection

4. BACKGROUND

The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and the Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St. provide a critical link for Black Creek Trail on the south side of the Black Creek (C-1) Canal to the new South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and the existing South Dade Government Center complex which includes a library, courthouse, police station and government offices on the north side of the canal.

The Cultural Arts Center is a facility serving as a vital force in the community's cultural and economic development. The Center is a multidisciplinary arts center and cultural village that will showcase the performing arts. The Center's 1,000 seat state-of-the-art theater building and separate activities building will be joined

by an outdoor promenade leading to a gently sloping lawn for outdoor concerts, festivals, art shows and other activities along the Black Creek Canal. The cultural village concept will help coordinate the Center's evolution with neighboring public and private sector development. It will encourage joint programming and marketing and will serve as a public catalyst for the continued economic revitalization of the South Miami-Dade area.

More than 51 million cars directly pass the Cultural Arts Center thoroughfares along U.S. Highway 1 and the Florida Turnpike on a yearly basis. Southland Mall, located across the street from the Cultural Arts Center, has over 100 name brand stores and 986,760 square feet of gross leasable area and is the only enclosed regional mall servicing South Miami-Dade County down to the Florida Keys. Over 19,000 new homes have been built and 16,000 additional new homes are planned in the South Dade trade area, representing potentially over 600,000 residents. The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection will provide an alternative means of access so that all these people have a viable non-motorized option to get to the Cultural Center, South Dade Government Center complex and the Black Creek Trail.

5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

This funding request will help complete the construction of a 180 LF three span Cultural Arts Center Bridge and a 570 LF lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St. and the surrounding cultural and civic facilities. The bridge will further enhance the Cultural Village concept by providing the main pedestrian link and gateway to the new South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center and outdoor plaza, the existing South Dade Government Center complex.

The bridge is intended to serve as a gateway that enhances travelers experience by offering scenic views of the canal and appealing architectural elements. Local artwork and vegetation will be incorporated throughout this project to provide texture and interest and a sense of identity and a welcome atmosphere. Careful attention will be paid to the overall design and form as well as to the specific design of architectural, hardscape and landscape elements. This project will utilize consistent bridge design principles with a simple sub structure and support features, as well as a visually light rail structure to maximize views. Earthwork will be blended with existing slope conditions.

It is anticipated that this project will enhance wayfinding by establishing dramatic and easily recognized landmarks and signs. The signs will focus on identity, orientation and wayfinding. The overall physical appearance of the project area will improve at key points of entry by framing views and adding plants and trees. The overall pedestrian experience in terms of comfort, safety, visual interest and civic engagement will be enhanced through special paving, lighting, seating areas, bike racks and artwork. The use of patterns and textures will be promoted at key

locations such as crosswalks and high pedestrian areas. The use of shade trees on the lighted pedestrian connection will be promoted for additional coverage.

The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St. will allow walkers, hikers, joggers, cyclists and other trail users on the south side of the Black Creek Canal safe access to the existing cultural, civic and other public facilities, along with commercial facilities on the north side of the canal. Conversely, the connection will also allow County employees who work at the numerous public facilities on the north side of Canal and the public patrons who use these facilities safe access to the 9.4 mile Black Creek Trail on the south side of the canal. It will also allow users of the SW 211 St. bike lanes on the north side of the canal a safe connection to the Black Creek Trail on the south side of the canal. The Black Creek Trail provides a safe alternative corridor for bicycle commuting separate from the roadway and traffic.

The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and the Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St. will provide a critical north-south link and safe connection across Black Creek Canal for pedestrians, cyclists and students to access multiple cultural, civic and public facilities, and a regional mall, including the main theater and an activities building which will be used for classrooms, rehearsals, and small-scale performances, as well as the outdoor plaza, Southland Mall and the proposed special interest high school focused on the performing arts, adjacent to the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

The alignment for this bridge project is within the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Town of Cutler Bay and Miami-Dade County right-of-way and no additional property is required for the project. The alignment of the pedestrian connection to SW 211 St. is within Miami-Dade County property and no additional property is required for the project. Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has an on-going process of coordination with both SFWMD and Miami-Dade County Public Works Department; both agencies support this plan.

6. AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$2,000,000

7. APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION (Please include federal agency of jurisdiction and account)

None

8. RATIONALE FOR FUNDING PROPOSAL (With details of how money will be spent, i.e. programming, administrative cost and expenditures. Also include verification that County has signed necessary cost sharing agreements if applicable)

Funding is needed to complete the Cultural Arts Center bridge and the Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St. This project will help the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center realize its full potential as a catalyst for the continued revitalization of the South Miami-Dade area. The appropriated funds will be utilized on the design and construction of the multi-purpose bridge and the lighted pedestrian connection to SW 211 St. and the surrounding cultural and civic facilities:

Cultural Arts Center Bridge	180 LF	\$1,000,000
Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St		<u>\$1,000,000</u>
TOTAL		\$2,000,000

9. ARE GRANT, FORMULA, OR ENTITLEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT, INITIATIVE, OR ACTIVITY? (If so, please indicate and explain rationale for requesting a separate appropriation earmark, as opposed to accessing other federal funds)

Grant, formula, and entitlement funds are available for this project, however, this project has not yet received discretionary funding. The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department applied for a Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure member designated High Priority Project to Representative Mario Diaz-Balart for \$1,920,000 on April 24, 2009. This request has not been funded.

10. INTENDED RECIPIENT(S) OF FUNDING

Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department

11. MATCHING FUNDS (List amount and source. Are Local and State matching funds required for this funding source? If so, please indicate the state or local match, as well as % of federal match required by the Federal Government)

No local matching sources are available for the Cultural Arts Center Bridge or the Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St.

12. HISTORY OF FEDERAL FUNDING (List agency funding and amount funded per year over the last 5 years)

No federal funding has been allocated yet for the Cultural Arts Center Bridge or the Lighted Pedestrian Connection to SW 211 St.

13. HISTORY OF COUNTY FUNDING (List each fiscal year and amount funded)

No other funding has been programmed for the Cultural Arts Center Bridge and the Lighted Pedestrian Connection.

14. AMOUNT RECOMMENDED IN THIS YEAR'S FEDERAL BUDGET (include agency funding this item)

\$2,000,000

15. IS THERE A DOCUMENTED NEED FOR THE PROJECT: INCLUDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS OR BCC ACTION? (If so, please provide documentation)

The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection is listed in the FY 2010-2014 Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Black Creek Trail is identified as a critical greenway and trail in the Park and Open Space System Master Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2007. In addition, Black Creek Trail is part of the South Dade Greenway Network Master Plan, also adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 1995.

16. WAS THIS PROJECT HEARD BEFORE A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING OR BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (MUNICIPAL, COUNTY OR STATE)? (List hearing body or meeting date)

The Cultural Arts Center Bridge and Lighted Pedestrian Connection was heard through a publicly noticed meeting held on May 3, 2003 during the Biscayne and Black Creek Trail Site Analysis and Schematic Design Study.

17. PRIORITIZE YOUR REQUESTS NUMERICALLY

This project is priority one for the Department.



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