

### MIAMI-DADE RESCUE PLAN

During the development of the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, several budgetary shortfalls were identified that required various adjustments to the County's current level of service, in order to produce a balanced budget proposal without increasing ad-valorem taxes to the residents of Miami-Dade County.

As the County approached the final phase of the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan development process, the American Rescue Plan Act (Act) (ARP) (H.R. 1319) was approved by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. The Act, which included fiscal recovery funds for local governments, provided the nation with \$1.9 trillion in financial relief in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are six municipalities within Miami-Dade County that received direct funding assistance from the federal government and included the cities of Hialeah, Homestead, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens and North Miami. All other municipal funding was provided by the State of Florida for a total of approximately \$510 million in relief assistance. In addition, Miami-Dade County was allocated \$527 million from the Department of Treasury's American Rescue Plan, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) for general governmental services.

CSLFRF funds were allocated based on population using 2019 data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Urban Counties, such as Miami-Dade, could not receive less from CSLFRF than they would have received if the funding had been distributed according to section 106(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (the Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, formula). Urban Counties received an upward adjustment to their allocation as a result of this provision. Miami-Dade County received a partial payment of \$263.8 million from the Treasury on May 19, 2021 and the balance of the funds will be released within twelve months of the first disbursement. On May 10, 2021, the Treasury released the Interim Final Rule providing general guidelines on the allowable uses of CSLFRF funds which required CSLFRF funds to be fully obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026. As was anticipated, the guidelines emphasized that these funds were intended to address negative impacts of the pandemic on disproportionately affected communities and populations as well as to respond to the negative economic impacts created or exacerbated as a result of the pandemic.

After much deliberation, the administration in consultation with the Board of County Commissioners (Board) developed and adopted the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan – Resolution No. R-777-21, adopted by the Board on July 20, 2021 – to allocate ARP funds toward the following priorities:

- \$321 million for revenue replacement to continue providing critical County services without interruption
- Key infrastructure projects that support thousands of good-paying jobs while simultaneously investing in our community's long-term health and prosperity
- District-specific priority projects, allocating \$2 million to each of our 13 County Commission districts for each Commissioner to determine how those funds are spent to support our communities and

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- Funding to support the families disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including funds for business grants, workforce training, the preservation and development of workforce housing, violence prevention, behavioral health programs and more

During the County's FY 2021-22 September budget hearings, Resolution No. R-777-21 was modified to include revenue replacement reimbursements for the entire allocation of \$527 million, which gave the County flexibility to generate new general revenue that allowed for the establishment of the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan while satisfying the provisions of the grant as stated in the interim rule. This plan adheres to the same categories that prioritize provisions to continue the same level of County services (\$321 million), develop key infrastructure projects (\$121 million), provide for commission district priority projects (\$26 million) and fund support to families that were disproportionately affected by the pandemic with the establishment of economic and social impact projects (\$59 million).