



## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2020 FEDERAL CRITICAL PRIORITIES

*As approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

- **R-1160-19:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; **PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOR 2020**
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - SUPPORT** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program.
- **SMART Plan Funding - SUPPORT** funding for all corridors in the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.
- **Ludlam Trail Corridor - ADVOCATE** and **SUPPORT** federal funding for the construction of the Ludlam Trail. The Ludlam Trail Corridor is an approximately 5.6 mile long, generally one-hundred foot wide, abandoned Florida East Coast Railway spur-line that stretches from NW 7 St. just south of Miami International Airport to SW 80 St. just north of Dadeland Mall. This funding request will help reduce an estimated \$60,000,000 in unfunded needs for various phases of Ludlam Trail development and will help continue the phased conversion and activation of this abandoned railway corridor into a public bicycle and pedestrian corridor. This corridor will be owned, developed and maintained by Miami-Dade County and is an important element of the plan for a County-wide network of bicycle and pedestrian trails.
- **R-1362-19:** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S DECISION TO SEEK \$200 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS; AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE THE FULL \$200 MILLION REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECTS
- **R-6020:** RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE TRAUMA-INFORMED MODERNIZATION OF ELDERCARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS ACT, S. 2179, H.R. 4077, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AMEND THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 TO INCLUDE HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AS INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, SUPPORT, AND SERVICES FUNDED UNDER SAID ACT

- **Older Americans Act (OAA) - *SUPPORT*** an increase in Older Americans Act Title III B, C & E Supported Services which fund personal care, homemaker services, transportation, meals and in-home/facility respite as well as other vital services that help maintain older adults in their own homes.
- **Ryan White Program - *SUPPORT* and *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding for The HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act. The act is the nation's largest HIV-specific federal grant program and a critical source of health care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The program has been in existence since 1990 and has been re-authorized four times.
- **Funding for Homeless Programs – *ADVOCATE* and *SUPPORT*** expanding HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) formula grant program which are the cornerstones of our community's homeless system. In Miami-Dade, ESG grants fund outreach, shelter, prevention and rapid rehousing. The CoC program funds permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing (short-to medium-term rental assistance), transitional housing for youth, and coordinated entry (outreach). Support of FY 2020 in the amount of at least \$3 billion in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants will allow Miami-Dade to continue our work toward ending homelessness, with a particular emphasis on unsheltered single adults, families with minor children, youth (18-24) and Veterans. The Homeless Trust receives more than \$31 million in funding under CoC program, and together with communities including Miami, Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade and the State of Florida leverages additional ESG and State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funds to serve homeless and at-risk households.
- **Project Safe Neighborhoods – *SUPPORT*** full funding for Project Safe Neighborhoods, Miami-Dade, where a demonstration program will be implemented for national replication which incorporates the Project Safe Neighborhoods priorities and other significant components including best practices to prevent gun violence, community participation, technology enhancements, multi-level (federal, state and local) and multi-agency partnerships, and evaluation to document the program outcomes. Funding will support this strategic intervention to reduce violence and improve public safety, minimize arrest and incarceration, and strengthen relationships between police and communities.
- **Public Housing & Section 8 Housing - *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families.
- **South Corridor Rapid Transit Project Funding - *SUPPORT*** Miami-Dade County's Small Starts Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the South Corridor Rapid Transit Project, one of the six corridors in Miami-Dade County's Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan.