

Memo

To: Phillip Drujak
From: Squire Patton Boggs LLP
Date: June 14, 2022
Subject: Miami-Dade April/May 2022 Report

April

In early April, Vicki Cram of the Squire Patton Boggs (SPB) team briefed the Mayor's Office and County Department heads on various elements in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). She discussed all elements of the law, as well as the timing and opportunities presented by the implementation of the bipartisan infrastructure law. She also provided follow-up materials to the County.

As a follow-up to that meeting, Ms. Cram participated in another Zoom meeting with the Port on the issue of heat islands, tree canopy, and the potential federal areas of funding for those areas. She also provided back-up material to that meeting and noted that, while the IIJA authorized the Healthy Streets program, the Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill had not funded the program providing an opportunity for the County to work with the delegation to provide funding in the nascent FY23 appropriations process.

With regards to the FY 2023 appropriations process, we worked closely with the County's Washington, DC office to analyze the best Community Project Funding requests for the County to put forward to the Congressional Delegation. Project funding requests undergo the most rigorous analysis and scrutiny at every stage of the process and require significant due diligence, detail, and budgetary planning. Each House member is limited to only 15 requests for this upcoming fiscal year, so the requests needed to be targeted and thoroughly vetted. We screened potential projects for their applicability, functionality, and eligibility, and coordinated with Phillip Drujak.

We also prepared FY23 programmatic appropriations forms to submit to Senator Scott's office. Programmatic appropriations requests differ from Congressionally directed spending (or Community Project Funding) as they are requests to fund a particular federal agency or program at a specified level, as opposed to targeted funding to a specific community project. We had assisted earlier in the year with the same process in the House of Representatives.

The Department of Transportation rolled out the Mega/INFRA/Rural grant program in April and SPB consulted on the County's projects that might be appropriate for those funding opportunities.

In April, SPB also provided the County:

- An analysis of President Biden's FY 2023 Budget Request;
- OSHA regulations regarding heat;
- Federal Departmental Equity Plans;
- DOT Carbon Reduction materials;
- Updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Relief Fund FAQs;
- Update on FCC broadband mapping;
- Biden Administration Second Chance materials and the Department of Housing and Urban Development initiative on incarceration;
- Update regarding online filing of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal materials;
- Update on Electric Vehicles programs in IIJA; and
- Weekly Washington Updates, Infrastructure Reports and Grant Reports.

May

SPB provided the County the following updates and analyses in May:

- Summary of IIJA Safe Streets program webinar;
- Materials regarding the White House domestic battery manufacturing announcement;
- Update on the Administration's environmental justice tools;
- New Treasury submittal portal for the ARP State and Local Fiscal Recovery fund for second tranche of funding;
- White House internet costs initiative announcement;
- White House Housing Action Plan announcement;
- Notice of Funding Availability of Safe Streets program at DOT;
- Summary of DOT Reconnecting Communities webinar; and
- Weekly Washington Updates, Infrastructure Report and Grants Report.