

Memorandum



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Agenda Item No. 2(B)(4)
June 1, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava, 
Mayor

Subject: Status Report - Plan for Federal Funding Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Directive No. 212585

This report is being presented in response to Resolution No. R-1055-21 sponsored by Commissioner Rene Garcia and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on November 2, 2021, directing the County Mayor or Mayor’s designee to create a plan, subject to Board approval, for seeking and allocating funds that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act makes available and provide a written report.

The Act, which became law on November 15, 2021, is a multifaceted bill that would fund a wide variety of infrastructure projects, if awarded, in Miami-Dade County (County). The Grants Coordination area of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) continues to closely monitor the release of the various formal Notices of Funding Opportunity from multiple federal agencies and has recently completed the hiring process for two senior level grant writing positions to provide additional grant writing support to departments. Departments have also assigned departmental grant coordinators to work with OMB. Additionally, the Mayor’s Office established an internal Infrastructure Workgroup, including applicable department Directors and Grants Coordination staff from OMB, that currently meets bi-weekly to coordinate County efforts to aggressively pursue potential competitive funding opportunities directly from federal agencies and through the state. OMB maintains a matrix of infrastructure-related funding opportunities as they are formally released and separately tracks departmental grant seeking activity with updates provided to the Workgroup. The internal Infrastructure Workgroup is also exploring potential Congressional earmarks for infrastructure projects and is coordinating with municipalities to the extent there might be synergies through collaboration on projects.

To date, only a few competitive funding opportunities, primarily from the U.S. Department of Transportation, that the County is eligible for have been formally released, including:

- RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity);
- Port Infrastructure Development Program; Marine Highway Program;
- Low or No Emission Grant; and Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.

Departments are in the process of developing projects and related applications for review by the Workgroup and OMB. Generally Federal agencies have been delayed in issuing program rules and guidelines. Therefore, we can only provide a status update at this time.. The Office of Management and Budget and the Workgroup will continue to closely monitor the issuance of grant opportunities and will coordinate efforts to compete for a series of eligible programs, and if awarded any allocations in the short term, will program accordingly as required, in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Proposed Budget.

This report will be placed on the next available Board Agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. Should you require further information, please contact David Clodfelter, Director, Office of Management and Budget at 305-375-5143.

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