

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(4)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the disbursement of up to \$98,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Baynanza 2024; approving agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District to provide up to \$10,000.00 in funding to Miami-Dade County for Baynanza 2024; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute the agreement and exercise the provisions contained therein

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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# Memorandum



**Date:** December 12, 2023

**To:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Baynanza 2024 and Authorizing the Execution of a Related Agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District

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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this item is to gain authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for a disbursement of up to \$98,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Baynanza 2024. This disbursement will be used to conduct County services and outside services for educational, public awareness, and other environmental enhancement activities as part of Baynanza 2024, including Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day which will take place in April 2024. This year is the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day and will include over 30 shoreline cleanup sites across Biscayne Bay and throughout the watershed. The agreement (Attachment A to the resolution) with the Florida Inland Navigation District will provide up to \$10,000.00 toward Baynanza 2024 expenses. Baynanza is part of the County's longstanding commitment to enhance public awareness of Biscayne Bay as a recreational, aesthetic, economic, historic, scientific and environmental resource.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the disbursement of up to \$98,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (Trust Fund) for Baynanza 2024 and approve and authorize the execution of a related agreement between the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) and Miami-Dade County to provide up to \$10,000.00 toward Baynanza 2024 expenses.

## **Scope**

Biscayne Bay is critically important both ecologically and economically to all of Miami-Dade County, and Baynanza welcomes participants from all County commission districts. Events scheduled for Baynanza 2024 will take place in coastal and inland areas of Commission Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13, which are represented by Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Commissioner Keon Hardemon, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Commissioner Eileen Higgins, Commissioner Kevin M. Cabrera, Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado, Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins, Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman Anthony Rodriguez, and Senator René Garcia, respectively.

## **Delegation of Authority**

Upon approval, this resolution will authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the attached agreement between FIND and Miami-Dade County to provide up to



\$10,000.00 toward Baynanza 2024 expenses for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County and exercise all the provisions contained therein.

**Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (Trust Fund) may be used for certain activities related to the environmental enhancement of Biscayne Bay such as Baynanza 2024. The available balance of the Trust Fund as of June 30, is \$10,191,947.00. Funding in the amount of up to \$98,000.00 from the Trust Fund is requested for costs related to County services and outside services for educational, public awareness, and other environmental enhancement activities as part of Baynanza 2024, including Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day. Costs for Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day include event staffing, safety, and sanitation equipment, supplies and services, trash collection and disposal, commemorative t-shirts for volunteers, equipment rental, and marketing. The agreement with FIND will provide up to \$10,000.00 toward Baynanza t-shirts. The agreement is Attachment A to the resolution.

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) will seek additional funds and in-kind services through sponsorships from local organizations.

**Track Record/Monitor**

The Assistant Director of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management, Lisa Spadafina, will monitor the activities associated with Baynanza 2024.

**Background**

Baynanza is part of the County's longstanding commitment to enhance public awareness of Biscayne Bay as a recreational, aesthetic, economic, historic, scientific, and environmental resource. Baynanza is a cooperative effort among several County departments, environmental groups in Miami-Dade County and the community at large. This year is the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day and will include shoreline cleanup at over 25 sites along Biscayne Bay and within the watershed. The Cleanup Day typically attracts approximately 6,000 volunteers, and each participant receives a Baynanza t-shirt. The t-shirts commemorate the volunteers' effort and help to promote ongoing awareness of the importance of protecting Biscayne Bay. Baynanza will also promote the County's ongoing Plastic Free 305 campaign by encouraging volunteers to reduce their consumption of single-use plastics by bringing their own reusable water bottles. The calendar of events for Baynanza will also include information about the Plastic Free 305 campaign.

A variety of other events related to Biscayne Bay will be scheduled from March through April 2024, including nature walks, kayaking tours, and other similar environmental educational activities. A special outreach event is planned to mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day for the selected VIP cleanup site.

In accordance with Chapter 24-40(4) of the Code, I have received and considered the attached recommendation of the Director of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources for



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the disbursement of funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for  
Baynanza 2024.



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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operations Officer




# Memorandum



**Date:** December 12, 2023

**To:** Daniella Levine Cava Mayor

**From:** Lourdes M. Gomez, Director   
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

**Subject:** Recommendation for Disbursement of Funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for Baynanza 2024

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Pursuant to Section 24-40(4) of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), I am recommending the disbursement of up to \$98,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for costs of County and outside contractual services related to implementation of educational, public awareness, and other environmental enhancement activities as part of Baynanza 2024.

The Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund may be used for certain activities related to the environmental enhancement of Biscayne Bay such as Baynanza 2024.

An agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District will provide up to \$10,000.00 towards expenses for Baynanza 2024. The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management, will seek additional funds and services through sponsorships from private and public organizations.

As you know, Baynanza is part of the County's longstanding commitment to enhance public awareness of Biscayne Bay as a recreational, aesthetic, economic, historic, scientific, and environmental resource. This year is the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day and will include over 30 shoreline cleanup sites across Biscayne Bay and throughout the watershed. This event typically attracts approximately 6,000 volunteers, each of whom receive a Baynanza t-shirt which promotes the importance of protecting Biscayne Bay and commemorates the volunteers' hard work. Other major Baynanza 2024 events include nature walks, kayaking tours, and other related environmental educational activities.






## MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** December 12, 2023

**FROM:**   
Gen Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(L)(4)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required



Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$98,000.00 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR BAYNANZA 2024; APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT TO PROVIDE UP TO \$10,000.00 IN FUNDING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR BAYNANZA 2024; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board, pursuant to section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, hereby approves the disbursement of up to \$98,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to be used for Baynanza 2024.

**Section 2.** This Board hereby approves an agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment A, with the Florida Inland Navigation District by which it will provide funding to Miami-Dade County in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for Baynanza 2024; and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute said agreement and exercise the provisions contained therein.



The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Kionne L. McGhee	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Cristina M. Rabionet



## ATTACHMENT A

### 2024 WATERWAY CLEANUP AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT ("FIND") and MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA (the "Project Sponsor").

WHEREAS, Project Sponsor has requested that FIND provide a portion of the assistance needed for the 2024 Bayanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Program in Miami-Dade County including the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, FIND is willing to provide such assistance for the volunteer clean up of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Miami-Dade County subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver by either party of Section 768.28 Florida Statutes.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, Miami-Dade County shall coordinate the work for the Project.
3. The COUNTY does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT to the extent and within the limitations of Section 768.28 Florida Statutes, subject to the provisions of that Statute whereby the COUNTY shall not be held liable to pay a personal injury or property damage claim or judgment by any one person which exceeds the sum of \$200,000, or any claim or judgments or portions thereof, which, when totaled with all other occurrence, exceeds the sum of \$300,000 from any and all personal injury or property damage claims, liabilities, losses and causes of action which may arise solely as a result of the negligence of the COUNTY. However, nothing herein shall be deemed to indemnify the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT from any liability or claim arising out of the negligent performance or failure of performance of the FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT or any unrelated third party.
4. FIND shall provide an amount not to exceed **\$10,000** for the components of the project set forth on the attached Exhibit "A" (with FIND paying the Project Sponsor the amount actually spent for each component, up to the amount listed on Exhibit "A" for said component) which shall also in compliance with the District's policy on waterway cleanup projects.



5. The funds to be provided by FIND to the Project Sponsor hereunder will be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt by FIND of a request for payment accompanied by supporting documentation showing expenditures equal or greater to the amount being sought from FIND.
6. Project Sponsor shall, upon request by FIND, provide a report of final expenses incurred on the Project. The Project Sponsor shall also retain all records supporting costs of the Project for three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year in which the Project is completed, except that such records shall be retained by Project Sponsor until final resolution of matters resulting from any litigation, claim, or special audit that starts prior to the expiration of the three-year retention period.
7. If Project Sponsor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner the obligations under this Agreement, or if Project Sponsor shall violate any of the covenants, terms, or stipulations of this Agreement, FIND shall thereupon have the rights to terminate this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the above, Project Sponsor shall not be relieved of liability for damages or expenses as contemplated herein sustained by FIND by virtue of any breach of the Agreement by Project Sponsor.

8. Any notice or other written communications between Project Sponsor and FIND shall be considered delivered when posted by certified mail or delivered in person to the respective party at the address indicated below:

To FIND:                      Florida Inland Navigation District  
                                     1314 Marcinski Road  
                                     Jupiter, Florida 33477  
                                     Attention: Executive Director

To the Project Sponsor: Miami-Dade County  
                                     Environmental Resources Management Division  
                                     Environmental Education & Communication Office  
                                     701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
                                     Miami, Florida 33136-3912  
                                     Attention: Baynanza Project Manager

9. This instrument embodies the entire agreement of the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communication, representation or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties hereto. This Agreement shall not be modified unless in writing and signed by both parties hereto.



10. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida. In the event of any litigation arising hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable costs including attorney' fees, at the trial, appellate and post-judgment levels. The venue of any such litigation shall be had only in the courts of Palm Beach County, Florida.
11. The rights and duties arising under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Neither party may assign this Agreement nor any interest hereunder without the express prior written consent of the other party.
12. Waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other breach of the same or different provision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

**FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*ATTEST:*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*ATTEST:*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT A**

Baynanza 2024 FIND Request

<b>Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day 2024 Budget</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Contributions</b>
Sanitation Equipment & Supplies (toilets, dumpsters, recycle trash, biohazard disposal)	\$10,000	
Commemorative t-shirts (8,000 shirts)	\$30,000	From FIND \$10,000
Staff Day of the Event	\$24,000	
Staff Event Planning	\$13,000	
Event Supplies (water, ice, garbage bags, etc.) for the volunteers	\$2,500	
Cargo Equipment Rental / Services / Parks Stage	\$4,000	
Site Signage and Banners	\$2,000	
Commemorative Calendar of Events	\$5,500	
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$3,000	
Cleanup Sites Organizer's Kit (Safety kits, etc)	\$1,000	
Postage	\$1,000	
Transportation (Vehicles / Vans)	\$2,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$98,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>



## **EXHIBIT B**

### **FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT WATERWAY CLEAN UP PROGRAM RULES (66B-2.016 Waterways Cleanup Events)**

Proposals shall be accepted for financial assistance for the organized removal of refuse within the District's waterways. The applicable provisions of Rule 66B-2 apply to these applications with the following additions or exceptions:

- (1) **Application Procedure:** Prior to the event, a request for funding shall be submitted to the District by means of a cover letter detailing the occurrence of the cleanup, contact information, a map of the cleanup locations and the general parameters of the event. In addition, the Applicant will submit a detailed budget clearly delineating the expenditure of all District funds, as well as the overall general budget of the event. Proposals may be submitted to the District and considered by the Board at any time during the year.
- (2) **Availability:** The District shall fund a maximum of one clean-up program per waterway, per year within a county, with exception to the provisions of items (8) through (10), below.
- (3) **Applicant Eligibility:** The clean-up program must be sponsored by a government agency or a registered not-for-profit corporation.
- (4) **Funding:** District funding shall be limited to \$5,000.00 per waterway, per county, except for the provisions of items (8) through (10), below.
- (5) The District shall be recognized in all written, on-line, audio or video advertising and promotions as a participating sponsor of the clean-up program.
- (6) **Funding Eligibility:** The funding provided by the District shall only be allocated to reimburse the applicant for out of pocket expenditures related to specific cleanup program expenses such as trash bags, trash collection, haul and landfill fees, gloves, advertising, T-shirts, and related expenses. The funding provided by the District shall not be allocated for parties, meetings, food or beverages.
- (7) The District Board shall make all final decisions concerning the provision of funding for a clean-up program.

In addition to the requirements stated above, a cleanup program implementing all of the following additional incentives will qualify for up to additional \$5,000 in clean up funds.

- (8) The clean-up program budget must provide equal or greater matching funds for all Navigation District funding.
- (9) The applicant shall tally and report the composition and location of the waterway-related debris, with the goal to show definitive progress in the amount of refuse collected, a reduction in the overall debris in the waterway, or an increase in the number of additional waterway areas included in the clean up.
- (10) For each additional \$1,000 in Navigation District funding, the applicant shall coordinate a minimum of one waterway collection point or clean up area, or an applicant can conduct an additional waterway cleanup program for the waterway areas.