

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(E)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County Mayor to accept, receive and expend Emergency Medical Services (EMS) County disbursement funds from the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services; authorizing the County Mayor to accept, receive and expend fiscal year 2025-26 and future additional funds should they become available through the disbursement program for a five year period through fiscal year 2029-2030 and to execute necessary agreements and documents for acceptance, receipt and expenditure of such funds; further authorizing the County Mayor to execute agreements, including subaward and subrecipient agreements with municipal fire departments in Miami-Dade County for receipt, award, or expenditure of such disbursement funds; and further authorizing the County Mayor to exercise termination and amendment provisions set forth therein, provided that such amendments are consistent with the purposes described herein

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor to Accept, Receive and Expend Emergency Medical Services County Disbursement Funds from the State of Florida Department of Health

SUMMARY

This item seeks approval of a resolution to accept, receive and expend funds from the Florida Department of Health (DOH) for the Emergency Medical Services County Disbursement (Formerly the EMS County Grant) Program for fiscal year 2025-26 and for an additional five-year period through fiscal year 2029-2030. The amount of the disbursement is generally between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 each fiscal year. The resolution seeks authorization for the County Mayor, or County Mayor's designee, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR), to accept, receive and expend EMS County disbursement funds from the DOH pursuant to the attached resolution. The EMS County disbursement includes distributing allocated funds to municipal fire departments, as outlined below. These funds are made available to eligible county governments, as authorized by Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services as it relates to advanced and basic life support services. The funds are derived by the State from surcharges on various traffic violations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to accept, receive and expend FY 2025-2026 County disbursement funds from the Florida Department of Health through its Emergency Medical Services County Disbursement Program. The amount of the disbursement is generally between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00. Approximately 60% to 65% of those funds shall be distributed to MDFR, and the remaining balance will be distributed to municipal fire departments proportionately, with each percentage of funds based on annual call volume from the previous calendar year. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to accept, receive and expend additional funds should they become available under this program for a five-year period through fiscal year 2029-2030.

SCOPE

The disbursement will support the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical services countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

This disbursement is anticipated to provide funding from the Florida Department of Health to Miami-Dade County. Based on the annual call volumes from MDFR and municipal fire departments from the prior calendar year, some of the revenue will also be proportionally distributed to municipal departments during this fiscal year. The disbursement does not require any matching local or in-kind funds.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to accept, receive and expend disbursement funds, from the effective date of this resolution, from the Florida Department of Health's

Emergency Medical Services County Disbursement Program to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is also authorized to accept, receive and expend future additional funds for a five-year period through fiscal year 2029-2030 should they become available through the disbursement program, and execute other agreements and documents necessary for acceptance, receipt and expenditure of such funds. Such funding approval shall not include in-kind match funding. Additionally, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to exercise termination and amendment provisions set forth therein, provided that such amendments are consistent with the purpose described in section 2 of the resolution and following approval for legal form and sufficiency by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office. Lastly, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to execute agreements including subaward and subrecipient agreements with municipal fire departments in Miami-Dade County for receipt, award, or expenditure of such disbursement funds as is necessary.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The disbursement award will be monitored by the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Grants Bureau.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Florida Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services distributes funds as authorized by Chapter 401, Florida Statutes. These funds are made available to eligible county governments to improve and expand their pre-hospital emergency medical services as it relates to advanced and basic life support services. The State derives the funds from surcharges on various traffic violations within each County.

To receive their allocation from new disbursement revenues received from the State of Florida, each of the five municipal fire rescue departments submits an approved agreement to MDRF. The distribution of disbursement funds to each participating fire rescue department is based on the percentage of combined total emergency medical service incidents the respective department responded to during the prior calendar year.

Since 1987, MDRF has been responsible for the application and distribution process of the State Emergency Medical Services County Grant Program. The grant previously stipulated that municipalities applied for and received funds through their respective county government or county fire department. Historically, members of the five municipal fire rescue departments (City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, City of Coral Gables, City of Hialeah, and the Village of Key Biscayne), as well as MDRF, conducted annual needs assessments to formulate the Miami-Dade County application. The director of each respective fire rescue department reviewed and approved the grant work and expenditure plans included in those final grant application packages.

As of November 2024, the State no longer requires the submission of an application to receive EMS County funds, however, to continue to accept, receive and expend said funds, a board approved resolution is required. As of 2025, the State also no longer considers the program a grant, and instead has identified it as a disbursement to serve the same purpose. Although the annual disbursement funds to be received and expended are not known, it is not expected to exceed \$200,000.00 for each fiscal year.



James Reyes
Chief of Public Safety



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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1-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE AND EXPEND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COUNTY DISBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (FDOH) TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE AND EXPEND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND FUTURE ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DISBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029-2030 AND TO EXECUTE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE, RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING SUBAWARD AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR RECEIPT, AWARD, OR EXPENDITURE OF SUCH DISBURSEMENT FUNDS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR’S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT PROVISIONS SET FORTH THEREIN, PROVIDED THAT SUCH AMENDMENTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN

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 this Board:

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recitals as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to: (1) accept, receive, and expend funds from the Florida Department of Health’s (“FDOH”) Emergency

Medical Services County Disbursement Program to improve and expand pre-hospital emergency medical services; (2) accept, receive and expend funds for fiscal year 2025-26 and future additional funds for a five year period through fiscal year 2029-2030 should they become available through the grant program; (3) execute necessary agreements and documents with FDOH for acceptance, receipt and expenditure of such funds; (4) execute annual agreements, including subaward and subrecipient agreements with municipal fire departments in Miami-Dade County, for receipt, award, or expenditure of such disbursement funds; and (5) exercise termination and amendment provisions set forth therein, provided that such amendments are consistent with the purpose of the disbursement funds and following approval for form and legal sufficiency by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office.

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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

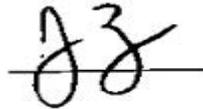
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JZ', is written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata