


Date: April 21, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Recommendation to Award a Contract for Summer Food Service Program

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(6)

Executive Summary

This item is for the purchase and delivery of meals to approximately 340 designated school sites during the summer months for the Community Services Department's (CSD) Summer Food Service Program. The program is projected to serve annually approximately 155,000 breakfasts, 490,000 lunches, 360,000 snacks, and 7,000 suppers to children and teens across all Commission Districts, reaching an estimated 13,500 children daily. This program is fully federal funded and sponsored by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). The solicitation allowed for the award of two contracts as the scope of work divided school sites into North and South geographic areas, promoting competition. Approval of this contract will allow CSD to continue to provide free meals to children and teens in low-income areas throughout Miami-Dade County.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve a competitive contract award, *Contract No. EVN0009787, Summer Food Service Program*, to David's Food and Fun, Inc. dba Dixie Catering in the amount of \$15,000,000 for an initial one-year term and four, one-year options to renew for CSD. This contract will replace Contract No. EVN0000189, approved by the Board via Resolution No. R-184-23.

Background

An Invitation to Bid was issued under full and open competition on December 23, 2025. On the closing date of January 22, 2026, the County received four bids from local firms. Upon advertisement of the solicitation, a total of 664 vendors were notified in INFORMS. Additional outreach efforts included contacting both prospective and incumbent vendors, providing the scope of work to vendors identified through market research, and posting the complete solicitation on the County's Future Solicitation website to ensure vendors had sufficient notice and opportunity to review and meet all solicitation requirements, including specific FDACS requirements such as completion of the Child Nutrition Program Online Vendor Training course and prohibition on subcontracting .

The contract will support CSD's Summer Food Service Program which offers free meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer, beginning in June, after the school year ends, and concluding in August, prior to schools opening. The contract includes two groups: Group 1 – North Sites; Group 2 – South Sites. The vendor will prepare meals at their facilities and deliver the meals to school sites on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. As part of the contract, the vendor will use environmentally friendly materials designed to minimize plastic packaging waste and ensure that a minimum of ten percent of produce used in the preparation of the meals is sourced from local farmers and growers. The vendor will be required to maintain documentation to demonstrate compliance with these requirements and the County may audit those records at any time. To ensure the vendor meets all contractual obligations, a performance bond will be provided at the outset of contract execution. The contract will be subject to FDACS approval as a condition for exercising any options to renew.

Scope

The scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the initial one-year term is \$3,000,000. Should the County choose to exercise, at its sole discretion, the four (4) one-year options to renew, the estimated cumulative value will be \$15,000,000. The current contract is valued at \$6,538,194 for a three-year term and expires on May 14, 2026, with two, one-year options to renew remaining. The annualized allocation under the proposed contract is higher than the current contract due to increased meal quantities which are necessary for the growing needs of the program and a 29% contingency to account for annual price adjustments and participation of additional sites throughout the program’s duration. Prices under the new contract are lower than the current contract pricing, resulting in first-year cost savings of approximately \$73,480 and five-year savings of approximately \$367,400. Historically, the program has expanded annually to allow for increased participation of young children and youth. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund, as this program is sponsored by the FDACS.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Budgeted	Contract Manager
CSD	\$15,000,000	Federal Funds	FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget, Volume 3, Page 150, Other Operating	Pierson Sherwood
Total	\$15,000,000			

Track Record/Monitor

Christopher Grant-Henriques of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Division Director.

Delegated Authority

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee will have the authority to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate purchase orders to give effect to same and exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation, renewals, or extensions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Vendor Recommended for Award

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Number of Employee Residents	Principal	Group(s)
			1) Miami-Dade 2) Percentage*		
David’s Food and Fun, Inc. dba Dixie Catering	2630 West 2 Avenue Hialeah, FL	Same	38	Cristian Taglieri	1 & 2
			95%		

*Provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-1011-15. Percentage of employee residents is the percentage of vendor’s employees who reside in Miami-Dade County as compared to the vendor’s total workforce.

Vendors Not Recommended for Award

Vendor	Local Address	Reason for Not Recommending
G R L Investment Group, LLC.	Yes	Groups 1 & 2: Higher than lowest bid
Nutrispa, Inc.	Yes	Group 1: Higher than lowest bid Group 2: No Bid*
Pretty Healthy, LLC.	Yes	Groups 1 & 2: Higher than lowest bid

*A “No Bid” means the vendor responded indicating that it will not be providing an offer.

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD’s Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a

keyword internet search. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-140-15, prior to re-procurement, a full review of the scope of services was conducted to ensure the replacement contract reflects the County's current needs. The review included conducting market research, posting a draft solicitation for industry comment, and holding meetings and drafting sessions with the user departments. The scope of services was updated to separate school sites into two geographical groups, allowing for smaller firms to have the opportunity to participate.

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-252-25, efforts were made to identify any potential piggybacking opportunities prior to issuance of a competitive solicitation. No contracts were identified for accessing.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program does not apply.
- The Small Business Enterprise measures and Local Preference did not apply.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.



Arnold Palmer
Chief of Public Safety



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

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

DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(6)

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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4-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. EVN0009787, SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM, TO DAVID'S FOOD AND FUN, INC. DBA DIXIE CATERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000,000.00 FOR AN INITIAL ONE-YEAR TERM AND FOUR, ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO RENEW FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS AWARD TO THE RECOMMENDED VENDOR, ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE PURCHASE ORDERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SAME AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION, RENEWALS OR EXTENSIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

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 authorizes award of Contract No. EVN0009787, Summer Food Service Program, to David's Food and Fun, Inc. dba Dixie Catering in the amount of \$15,000,000.00 for an initial one-year term and four, one-year options to renew for the Community Services Department.

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to give notice of this award to the recommended vendor, issue the appropriate purchase orders to give effect to same, and exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation, renewals or

extensions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38. The contract documents are on file with and available upon request from the Strategic Procurement Department.

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:

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| 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 April, 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.



Eduardo W. Gonzalez