

Memorandum



Date: July 15, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Seaport Department Quarterly Report of Grant Agreements and Grant
Amendments between January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(3)
September 1, 2026

Executive Summary

On June 15, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approved Resolution No. R-598-21, authorizing the County Mayor or the County Mayor’s designee to execute grant agreements, supplemental grant agreements, and related amendments for the application, receipt, and expenditure of funds for various Seaport Department (“Seaport” or “PortMiami”) capital projects and/or operating costs from available state or federal funding sources. The resolution also directed the submission of quarterly reports listing Seaport-related grant agreements, supplemental agreements, or amendments executed during the previous quarter to be reported to the Board. The attached report details all grant amendment agreements between January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. There are no new grant agreements or grant amendments to report for the period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accept the Seaport Department’s Quarterly Report of executed state and federal grant amendments between January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

Scope

PortMiami is located within District 5, which is represented by Commissioner Vicki L. Lopez. The impact of this agenda item is countywide as PortMiami is a regional asset and generates employment for residents throughout all Miami-Dade County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The attached report includes the execution of three new federal grant agreements and one grant amendment, summarized as follows:

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – FSTED Grant G3N75

This grant agreement, executed on March 2, 2026, supports the PortMiami: North Bulkhead Improvements project. The project funds the initial phase of improvements to the port’s northern shoreline bulkhead infrastructure to maintain structural integrity, enhance cargo operations, and ensure safe marine access along the port’s working waterfront. The overall project cost is **\$9,500,000**, of which FDOT will fund **\$1,500,000** and PortMiami will contribute **\$8,000,000**, representing approximately an **84% local match**.

2. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – FSTED Grant G3N24**

This grant agreement, executed on February 18, 2026, supports the PortMiami: Cruise Terminal Improvements #2 project. The project represents Phase 2 of improvements to cruise terminal facilities, including passenger boarding bridges and associated landside and waterside infrastructure upgrades such as terminal buildings, passenger processing areas, berth infrastructure, roadway access, parking, and supporting utilities to increase passenger capacity and operational efficiency. The overall project cost is **\$6,400,000**, of which FDOT will fund **\$3,200,000** and PortMiami will contribute **\$3,200,000**, representing a **50% local match**.

3. **U.S. Department of Transportation – MARAD RAISE FY22 Grant (Amendment)**

This amendment to the RAISE FY22 Grant Agreement, executed on March 3, 2026, modifies the existing grant to incorporate a *hybrid rubber-tired gantry (RTG) option* to maintain compliance with Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements. The project supports modernization and operational improvements within PortMiami's cargo infrastructure. The overall project cost is **\$40,199,768**, of which the U.S. Department of Transportation will fund **\$16,000,000** and PortMiami will contribute **\$ 24,199,768**, representing approximately a **60% local match**.

4. **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – FSTED Grant G2425 (Amendment)**

This amendment to Grant Agreement G2425, executed on March 3, 2026, supports the Port Security Program and modifies the agreement to align funding phases and clarify the project scope. The program supports security-related improvements and enhancements to protect port facilities and operations. The overall project cost is **\$800,001**, of which FDOT will fund **\$600,000** and PortMiami will contribute **\$200,001**.

Track Record/Monitor

The Seaport Department staff members responsible for monitoring this report are Becky Hope, Assistant Port Director, Planning, Environment & Resiliency, and Kelli V. Gay, Seaport Grants Administration.

Background

Throughout the years, the Seaport has been successful in securing grant funds from various state and federal programs. This funding has played a significant role in financing port transportation and port facilities projects which improve the movement and intermodal transportation of cargo and passengers. Funds from these various programs are utilized to fund projects on a matching basis. In order to be eligible to apply for available grant funds, state and federal agencies typically require applicants to abide by strict application deadlines, which may not afford sufficient time for the administration to seek and obtain prior Board approval of each grant sought. To maximize the Seaport's ability to timely apply for available state and federal grants, this Board authorized the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds for Port security and mitigation costs (Resolution No. R-390-05) and authorized the execution of certain standard form joint participation agreements and supplemental joint participation agreements with various departments of the State of Florida (Resolution No. R-1434-04).

Benefits to the County

These grant agreements benefit the County by supporting critical infrastructure, security, and operational improvements at PortMiami, strengthening its role as a key economic engine for Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida. Investments in cruise terminal facilities will enhance passenger processing capacity, improve operational efficiency, and support the continued growth of the cruise industry, while

improvements to bulkhead infrastructure will preserve essential waterfront assets and maintain safe marine access for cargo operations.

Additionally, federal funding for cargo equipment modernization will improve supply chain efficiency and environmental compliance, and security program enhancements will strengthen the protection of port facilities and operations. Collectively, these projects support increased economic activity, improve the resilience and reliability of port infrastructure, and contribute to job creation and long-term economic growth within the County.



Roy Coley
Deputy Mayor



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Grantor & Program	Grant Project Title	Execution Date	Expiration Date	Total Project Cost	Grantor Participation	Seaport Participation	Notes
FDOT/FSTED G3N75	PortMiami North Bulkhead Improvements	3/2/2026	6/30/2028	\$9,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$8,000,000	This grant funds the initial phase of PortMiami North Bulkhead Improvements consisting of capital improvements to the port's northern shoreline bulkhead infrastructure to maintain structural integrity, enhance cargo operations, and ensure safe marine access along the port's working waterfront.
FDOT/FSTED G3N24	PortMiami: Cruise Terminal Improvements #2	2/18/2026	6/30/2028	\$6,400,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	The project is phase 2 of PortMiami Cruise Terminal Improvements of CTG Passenger Boarding Bridges cruise terminal facilities, associated landside, and waterside infrastructure, including upgrades to terminal buildings, passenger processing areas, berth infrastructure, roadway access, parking, and supporting utilities to increase passenger capacity and operational efficiency.
US DOT MARAD	RAISE FY 22	1/6/2025	9/1/2031	\$40,199,768	\$16,000,000	\$24,199,768	Modification to the agreement to include a hybrid RTG option to remain BABA compliant, signed for execution 3/3/26



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FDOT/FSTED G2425	Port Security Program	6/13/2022	12/31/2026	\$800,001	\$600,000	\$200,001	Modification for funding phase alignment and scope clarification executed 03/03/2026.
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