

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 3(J)

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

DATE: September 8, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution retroactively approving and authorizing the County Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend \$800,000.00 in grant funding awarded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through Volkswagen (VW) settlement funds and the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust for its Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/Port Drayage Truck Project upon award to Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR), for the replacement of two Class 8 emergency response vehicles; authorizing the County Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend additional funding if such funding becomes available, and use Fire District funding to satisfy additional costs associated with the vehicle replacements; authorizing the County Mayor to execute agreements, documents, and amendments, provided that any amendments do not alter the purpose of the agreement under this program and are approved by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Fire 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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Memorandum



Date: October 6, 2026

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Retroactively Approving and Authorizing Miami-Dade County, through Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, to apply for, receive and expend \$800,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Summary

This item seeks retroactive approval and authorization to apply for, receive, and expend \$800,000.00 in grant funding awarded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) through Volkswagen (VW) Settlement funds and the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust for its Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/Port Drayage Truck Project. Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR), applied to replace two 2003 Class 8 Vehicles (Fire Attack Pumpers with Diesel Powered Engines) used for emergency response services and was awarded \$800,000.00. The total cost of the new vehicles is \$2,400,000.00. The estimated remaining balance of \$1,600,000.00 will be funded through the MDFR Fire District funds. All projects funded under this program must be completed by December 31, 2027.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution retroactively authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend \$800,000.00 in grant funds from the FDEP for its Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/Port Drayage Truck Project. It is further recommended that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee be authorized to apply for, receive, and expend additional funding if such funding becomes available and use Fire District funding to satisfy additional costs associated with the vehicle replacements. Additionally, it is recommended that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee be authorized to execute agreements, documents, and amendments, provided that any amendments do not alter the purpose of the agreement under this program and are approved by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

Scope

The equipment provided through this grant funding will be used countywide.

Delegation of Authority

This item retroactively authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend \$800,000.00 in grant funds from the FDEP VW Settlement and Environmental Mitigation Trust program for the Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/Port Drayage Truck Project. This item also authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funding should it become available, and use Fire District funding to satisfy additional costs associated with the vehicle replacements. Furthermore, this item provides authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute all required documents and amendments and to exercise all provisions contained within the award, provided amendments are consistent with the purposes described and approved for legal sufficiency.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/ Port Drayage Truck project is funded and administered by FDEP through Volkswagen (VW) Settlement funds and the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust. Awarded agencies are permitted to replace up to two Class 8 diesel trucks with engine model years of 2009 or older and may receive up to \$400,000.00 per eligible vehicle replacement. MDRF was awarded \$800,000.00 toward the replacement of two 2003 Class 8 Vehicles (Fire Attack Pumpers with Diesel Powered Engines) used for emergency response services. The estimated additional cost of \$1,600,000.00 to purchase the vehicles will be funded by Fire District ad valorem tax revenues.

Track Record/Monitor

The grant award will be monitored by the MDRF Grants Management Bureau.

Background

The VW Environmental Mitigation Trust, established as part of the Volkswagen emissions settlement, provides funding to reduce diesel emissions and improve air quality through replacement of older diesel vehicles and equipment. The State of Florida, through the FDEP, administers these funds to assist local agencies in transitioning to cleaner, more efficient municipal service and emergency response vehicles. Eligible projects focus on the replacement of Class 8 diesel trucks with cleaner alternatives, contributing to reductions in emissions and improvements in community environmental health. Under this program, awarded agencies are permitted to replace up to two Class 8 diesel trucks with engine model years of 2009 or older and may receive up to \$400,000 per eligible vehicle replacement. The 2 vehicles eligible for replacement by MDRF are two 2003 Fire Attack Pumpers with Diesel Powered Engines. All projects funded under this program must be completed by December 31, 2027.



Arnold Palmer
Chief of Public Safety



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: October 6, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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**
- ☐ **Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) ____) to approve**
- ☐ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND \$800,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDING AWARDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) THROUGH VOLKSWAGEN (VW) SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND THE VW ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST FOR ITS CLASS 8 MUNICIPAL SERVICE TRUCK/PORT DRAYAGE TRUCK PROJECT UPON AWARD TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT (MDFR), FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO CLASS 8 EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IF SUCH FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE, AND USE FIRE DISTRICT FUNDING TO SATISFY ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS, PROVIDED THAT ANY AMENDMENTS DO NOT ALTER THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM AND ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying County Mayor's 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 recital, as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Retroactively approves and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend grant funds of \$800,000.00 from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through its Class 8 Municipal Service Truck/Port Drayage Truck Project upon award to Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) for the replacement of two 2003 Class 8 Fire Attack Pumpers with Diesel Powered Engines. The application and award letter are incorporated herein as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and expend additional funding if such funding becomes available and use Fire District funding to satisfy additional costs associated with the vehicle replacements.

Section 4. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute agreements, documents, and amendments that do not alter the purpose of the agreement under this program and are approved by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

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	

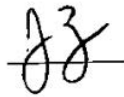
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override 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.



Javier Zapata



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

Bob Martinez Center
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Exhibit A

Ron DeSantis
Governor

Jay Collins
Lt. Governor

Alexis A. Lambert
Secretary

Class 8 Municipal Service Truck / Port Drayage Truck Project Application Worksheet

Project Description

Consistent with the terms and conditions of Florida's State Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement and VW Environmental Mitigation Trust,¹ this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Application Worksheet is for potential project partners to propose eligible Class 8 diesel trucks (engine model year 2009 or older) for replacement with new Class 8 municipal service trucks (e.g., trucks used for waste hauling, waste management activities, electrical utility-related services, potable water or wastewater utility-related services, or emergency response services) or new port drayage trucks. New units may be powered by diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), or propane. Eligible program participants include Florida county governments, Florida municipalities, non-governmental private commercial entities that provide municipal services for a Florida county or municipality under contract, or non-governmental private commercial entities that own and operate port drayage truck fleets at one or more of Florida's seaports.

For **Municipal Service Truck** projects, each governmental entity or non-governmental private commercial entity may be awarded funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units. Qualifying governmental entities may be awarded up to \$400,000 per eligible municipal service truck unit, subject to the limits of available funds and the goal of awarding funds to as many qualifying governmental entities as possible. Qualifying private municipal services entities may be awarded up to \$100,000 per eligible municipal service truck unit (not to exceed 25% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. For Municipal Service Truck grants, the maximum potential grant award for any individual qualifying entity operating within a specified county or municipality will be \$800,000 for governmental entities (for two replacement units at \$400,000 per unit) and \$200,000 for non-governmental entities (for two replacement units at \$100,000 per unit). Reimbursements to non-governmental entities cannot exceed 25% of the new unit price. Non-governmental entities that provide municipal services to governmental entities under contract, and which operate in more than one county or municipality, may apply separately for funding for unit replacement projects within each separate county or municipality in which that entity provides services.

¹ Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (dated October 2019) and Mitigation Plan Updates & Amendments (dated October 2025) are available for download at: <https://floridadep.gov/air/air-director/content/demp-volkswagen-settlement-and-dera>.

For **Port Drayage Truck** projects, qualifying owners and operators of port drayage truck fleets may be awarded funding for up to five (5) eligible replacement units. Qualifying owners and operators of port drayage truck fleets may be awarded up to \$150,000 per eligible port drayage truck unit (not to exceed 50% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. For Port Drayage Truck grants, the maximum potential grant award for any entity will be \$750,000 (for five replacement units at \$150,000 per unit). Reimbursements cannot exceed 50% of the new unit price.

To be eligible, a qualifying entity must purchase one new truck (diesel, CNG, or propane) for each eligible existing unit scrapped. Scrappage requirements will apply as specified in Florida's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement. Eligible existing units do not have to be utilized for the same purpose as the replacement unit. Eligible existing units may be any Class 8 truck of model year 2009 or older.

Grant funds will be paid to the grantee in the form of a reimbursement following the completion of all grant requirements.

The State of Florida intends for all projects funded under this NOFA to be completed no later than December 31, 2027. Funding priority will be based, in part, upon the date by which the applicant proposes to complete the project. All interested parties must complete and submit this application worksheet to VWMitigation@FloridaDEP.gov by **April 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Once the application period has closed and the Department has completed its review of all applications, the Department will prepare award letters for potential project partners followed by draft grant agreements for review prior to execution by the Department and the grantee. Each grant agreement will include specific deliverables (i.e., make, model, unit specifications, and total unit cost for each new unit) and information pertaining to the process by which the grantee must scrap each eligible existing unit. Each grant agreement will include a detailed scope of work, timeline, and payment schedule.

The total amount of funding available for potential distribution to qualifying entities under this NOFA is \$20,000,000.² The Department reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of project funding to governmental entities ahead of non-governmental entities. The Department reserves the right to distribute project funding to as many qualifying entities as possible.

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² The Department reserves the right to make additional VW Settlement funds available for the purchase of new Class 8 municipal service trucks / port drayage trucks if there is sufficient interest in this NOFA.

Contact Information for Entity Completing this Application	
Name	Katrina Hollis-Baker
Title	Grants Bureau Manager
Entity	Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
Address Line 1	9300 NW 41st Street
Address Line 2	Doral, Florida 33178
Address Line 3	
Primary Phone Number	786-331-4478
Primary Email Address	Katrina.Hollis-Baker@Miami-dade.gov
Secondary Contact Name	Gricel Acosta
Secondary Email Address	Gricel.Acosta@Miami-dade.gov

General Information *Please note, the provided number of total diesel trucks is based solely on Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's vehicle inventory.	
The applicant is a governmental entity ☒ / non-governmental private commercial entity ☐ .	
County, municipality, or Florida seaport where the applicant operates its fleet: Miami-Dade County	
Is the proposed project located in a rural area of opportunity as defined under s. 288.0656, Fla. Stat.? No	
Total number of diesel trucks in the applicant's fleet operating within that county, municipality, or seaport: 301	
Are the existing units that the applicant is proposing to scrap Class 8 trucks that are model year 2009 or older? Yes	
Is the applicant aware that in order to receive reimbursement for costs associated with purchasing each new unit, a 3" hole must be bored through the engine block of an eligible existing unit, and the frame rails of the eligible existing unit must be cut completely in half? Yes	
Please identify the fuel type that the applicant is proposing for the replacement unit(s): ☒ Diesel ☐ Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) ☐ Propane	
Number of eligible existing units to be replaced: 2	
Estimated cost per new unit: \$1,200,000	
Total project funding requested: \$800,000	
Proposed date by which the applicant will complete all project activities: 12/31/2027	

Eligible Existing Class 8 Truck Details (model year 2009 or older)				
Engine Model-Year	Unit Description	Annual Miles Traveled (est.)	Annual Gallons of Fuel Used (est.)	Annual Idling Hours (est.)
2003	Fire Attack Pumper with Diesel Powered Engine 21-0364	15,000	2,000	5,000
2003	Fire Attack Pumper with Diesel Powered Engine 21-0365	15,000	2,000	5,000

NOTE: The applicant may elect to submit this information as a spreadsheet attachment to the Application Worksheet.



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Via Electronic Mail – Katrina.Hollis-Baker@Miamiidade.gov

May 20, 2026

Katrina Hollis-Baker
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
9300 NW 41st Street
Doral, FL 33178

Re: Class 8 Municipal Service Truck Project Award – Miami-Dade Fire Rescue

Dear Ms. Hollis-Baker,

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is pleased to award the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue funding for the purchase of new diesel Class 8 municipal service trucks, which the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue will purchase under the terms of a grant agreement with the Department. Consistent with the information contained in the application worksheet that the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue submitted to the Department in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published on March 24, 2026, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue intends to purchase two (2) new Class 8 diesel trucks and scrap two (2) eligible Class 8 diesel trucks of engine model year 2009 or older.

The total anticipated grant award amount for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue is \$800,000.

The Department's Division of Air Resource Management (DARM) will administer your grant. To begin the grant drafting process, DARM will need several documents, forms, and proofs of registration. The list of required information is provided below. Please direct all responses, questions, or concerns to DARM's Deputy Director, Preston McLane, and DARM's Operations Review Specialist, Marnie Brynes.

Preston McLane
Deputy Director
Preston.McLane@FloridaDEP.gov
850-717-9041

Marnie Brynes
Operations Review Specialist
Marnie.Brynes@FloridaDEP.gov
850-717-9029

Please submit to DARM the information requested below by the close of business on June 19, 2026. Electronic submission is preferred. Please advise DARM as soon as possible if you will need additional time to complete this request.

Thank you,



Hastings Read
Director, Division of Air Resource Management
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Grant Origination and Vendor Registration List

1. Please complete the Grantee and Contract Manager information below:

Grantee Name: Miami-Dade County
Address: 9300 NW 41st Street, Doral, FL, 33178

Contract Manager: Katrina Hollis-Baker
Mailing Address: 9300 NW 41st Street, Doral, FL, 33178
Telephone: 786-331-4478
E-mail Address: Katrina.Hollis-Baker@miamidade.gov

Secondary Contact: Gricel Acosta
Mailing Address: 9300 NW 41st Street, Doral, FL, 33178
Telephone: 786-331-4638
E-mail Address: Gricel.Acosta@miamidade.gov

2. Please attach a current copy of your valid W-9 form, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.
3. Please attach an up-to-date Self-Insured Confirmation Letter or Certificate of Insurance.
4. Please provide a PDF of your My Florida Marketplace registration confirmation. (If you are not already registered as a vendor in the My Florida Marketplace, please register and provide the confirmation.)
5. Please find attached a Budget-Cost Analysis Form. Please fill out the required fields under the "Budget Detail" column and return the Budget-Cost Analysis Form to DARM unsigned. (Please note that this grant will only reimburse the Grantee for direct costs of equipment purchases. Please only enter data and information under the Equipment heading in the attached Excel file.)
6. Please state whether you have a sufficient number of eligible 2009 model year or older Class 8 diesel trucks to satisfy the scrappage requirement. Yes X No