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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: 2026 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards

The National Association of Counties (NACo) celebrates innovative local government programs that enhance service delivery to residents, achieve greater cost efficiency, develop a better trained workforce, and promote overall accountability to the community. Over the years, Miami-Dade County (County) has received numerous NACo Achievement Awards. I am excited to announce that this year, 12 Miami-Dade County departments and offices have received an impressive 177 awards, many of which required collaboration across departments. Additionally, our Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces department was recognized with a *Best In Category* award for the Chapman Field Park Resilience and Restoration Project. This year's total awards represent an increase from last year's 151 NACo awards. Our County remains committed to responsible and effective governance while continuing to deliver excellent service to our community, consistent with my administration's WISE305 initiatives to ensure public dollars are used in the most responsible way possible.

Congratulations to all the following departments for this year's NACo Achievement Awards:

Applicant Department	Number of NACo awards
Miami-Dade Public Library System	77
Communications, Information and Technology Department	28
Community Services Department	23
Office of Management and Budget	16
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department	9
Cultural Affairs Department	7
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources	6
Animal Services Department	4
Strategic Procurement Department	3
Homeless Trust	2
Department of Transportation and Public Works	1
Internal Compliance Department	1

Attached is a comprehensive list of our NACo Achievement Awards. These honors reflect our workforce's talent and dedication to public service and customer satisfaction. I am proud that NACo has recognized the ongoing efforts of our departments to develop new, innovative, and effective programs that foster resident engagement, while creating efficient and streamlined processes that enhance the vital services our County offers to the community.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate the Clerk of Courts and Comptroller for receiving four NACo awards under the categories of Information Technology and Civic Education and Public Information.

This report is being provided by the administration to inform the Board and the public of important matters under the purview of the Mayor. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as County Mayor under the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter and in accordance with Rule 5.05(b)(1) of the Board's Rules of Procedure, this report will be placed on the next available Board agenda. Should you have any questions, please contact Ray Baker, Director, Office of Management and Budget, at 305-375-5143.

Attachment

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2026 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards		
Applicant Department	Award Category	NACo Award Program Title
Animal Services	Human Services	PawVentures Foster Field Trips program - Revamped
Animal Services	Information Technology	Miami Dade Animal Services - Social Media Engagement Program
Animal Services	Information Technology	Miami Dade County Animal Service Customer Flow & Wait Time Management System
Animal Services	Human Services	Miami Dade Animal Services - Community Foster Pathways (F2F/F2A Initiative)
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Competitive Selection Committee
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Fleet Vehicle Charges
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Library Warehouse Inventory Implementation with EAMS
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MDCR Candidate Processing System
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	For-Hire Transportation Management System
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MDCR Inmate Program Management
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MIA Grease Traps Maintenance Solution
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Permit Online
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation StoryMaps Initiative
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Special Assessment Districts Maintenance System
Communications, Information and Technology	Civic Education and Public Information	Transportation and Public Works Personnel Management, Employment and Training

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Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Homecare Mobile Application
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Digital MOU 2.0 / Enhanced Technology Services Portfolio
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MDEAT Grant Application Portal
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Older Homes Modification Program
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Solid Waste Management Hub
Communications, Information and Technology	Civic Education and Public Information	Spay it Forward
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	WAnimal Services Emergency Activation Assignments Solution
Communications, Information and Technology	County Resiliency: Infrastructure, Energy, and Sustainability	Build a Better Bathroom
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Home Chemical Self-Service Kiosk
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	SWABS AI - Cubic Yard Calculator
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	SWABS AI – Report Assistant
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MIA Conveyances SwiftIoT
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	DSWM Capital Improvement Management System
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	WAnimal Services Custodial Services Tracking Solution
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Digital Accessibility Initiative

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Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	Business Supplies System Integration with EAMS & INFORMS
Communications, Information and Technology	Information Technology	MDSO Fleet – Vehicle Inventory System
Community Services	Human Services	Platform 3750- Frankie Shannon Rolle No Wrong Door Community Resource Center
Community Services	Human Services	Peace and Parks, Recreation and Open Spacesperity: Home Rehabilitation Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	No Wrong Door to Food Security: Miami-Dade's Rapid Community Response
Community Services	Human Services	No Wrong Door to Financial Stability: Connecting VITA Participants to Wraparound Services at Community Resource Centers
Community Services	Health	Miami-Dade County Head Start/Early Head Start Nutrition Education Calendar
Community Services	Human Services	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Miami-Dade County Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities Division Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Digital Navigation Train-the-Trainer Program for Older Adults
Community Services	Human Services	Centralized Referral and Care Coordination Tracking System
Community Services	Human Services	Co-Ed Clinical Integration and Family Engagement Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Electronic Documentation and Service Efficiency Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Front Desk Digitalization and Participant Tracking Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Expanded Intake Access Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Integrated Community Collaboration for Recovery Support Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Participant-Led Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Advisory Board Initiative

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Community Services	Human Services	Rehabilitative Services Recovery Access and Identification Initiative
Community Services	Human Services	The Healing Sanctuary/Coordinated Victim Assistance Center South
Community Services	Human Services	From Shelter to Stability: Miami-Dade County's SafePath Housing Initiative
Community Services	Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Supporting Safer Communities Program: A Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative
Community Services	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Community Services Department HUB
Community Services	County Administration and Management	Miami-Dade County Community Services Department Facilities Ticket System and Dashboard
Community Services	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Miami-Dade County Community Services Department Policy Acknowledgement Application
Community Services	Human Services	Miami-Dade County Community Services Department Strategic Grant Development & Capacity-Building Initiative (SGDCI)
Community Services	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Miami-Dade County Community Services Department Education & Training Application
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Miami-Dade County Auditorium's Away from Home Series
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Expanding Public Engagement Through Miami-Dade's Art in Public Places Initiative
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Golden Ticket Arts Guide: Haitian Creole Translation
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Miami-Dade Summer Golden Tours: Expanding Arts Access for Seniors Across the County
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Developing the Next Generation of Arts Leaders in Miami-Dade County
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	The Way of Water: Miami-Dade
Cultural Affairs	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Youth Arts in the Parks – Multilingual Social Narrative Initiative

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Homeless Trust	Human Services	A Shared Data model's impact on health & housing outcomes for the homeless
Homeless Trust	Human Services	Balancing Compliance and Compassion in Response to Anti-Camping Laws
Internal Compliance	Financial Management	Modernizing Miami-Dade County's Code Enforcement Technology Trust Fund
Library	Libraries	Cooking the Rainbow
Library	Libraries	Conversa y Aprende: Spanish Conversational Circle
Library	Libraries	World War II at 80
Library	Libraries	2024 Commemorative History Programming
Library	Libraries	The World Book Reading Circle
Library	Libraries	Teens Get Crafty: Miniature Room Program Series
Library	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Creativity Awakened: The Sew Crafty Program
Library	Libraries	Thursday Teen Trivia
Library	Libraries	College Resource Initiative
Library	Children and Youth	Chess Club for Tweens and Teens
Library	Information Technology	Tech Time: One-on-One Technology Assistance Program
Library	Libraries	Afternoon Tea & Talk: Senior Social Club
Library	Libraries	Planting Health: Where Plants Heal and Seeds Grow
Library	Libraries	Partners in Service: Education & Enrichment for Army Families
Library	Libraries	Talk Crafty to Me: Create, Connect, Celebrate
Library	Libraries	Project Pod: Teens Finding Their Voice
Library	Libraries	Create Fun: Bilingual STEAM Activities for Kids
Library	Information Technology	Empowering Creators with Apple Devices, 3D Printing, and Smart Boards in You Spaces
Library	Information Technology	Zero Touch PC and Laptop Deployment with Windows Autopilot for Libraries
Library	Information Technology	Smart Apple Device Management for Library Staff and Patrons
Library	Information Technology	Secure, Seamless Identity Management with Microsoft Entra ID

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Library	Children and Youth	Storybridge for Teens: Writing and Telling Their Story
Library	Libraries	Age-Friendly Libraries
Library	Libraries	Finding Their Way: Miami LigHomeless Trusthouse Teens Career Camp at the Library
Library	Libraries	Happy Hands: Creative Arts to Enhance Senior Dexterity, Cognitive Health, and Social Connection
Library	Libraries	Connecting Teens to Connections: Teen-Crafted Art for Homebound Older Adults
Library	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Creative Pathways: YOUmake Miami's Innovative School Partnership
Library	Libraries	Beyond the Traditional: Special Topics in Genealogical Research
Library	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Opening Receptions at the Library
Library	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Art Workshops and Lectures at the Library
Library	Civic Education and Public Information	2025 Summer Reading Challenge Marketing Campaign
Library	Libraries	See What's on Hand: Launch of the Library Supply Room Catalog
Library	Libraries	Compacted Invoicing to improve Miami Dade County's payment flows
Library	Human Services	Career Source South Florida Job Center – No Wrong Door
Library	Health	Aging Like a Pro: A Lunch & Learn Series at the Library for Seniors
Library	Libraries	Monthly Craft Outreach to Seniors
Library	Libraries	Sunshine State Book Club
Library	Libraries	Bilingual Conversational Circle
Library	Libraries	Stargazing at the Library
Library	Libraries	CocoKIDS @ CocoWalk: Storytime with the Coconut Grove Branch Library
Library	Libraries	Introduction to Coding with Scratch
Library	Libraries	KonnectedED: Kids, STEAM, and Community
Library	Libraries	CADventure Workshop - 3D Modeling
Library	Libraries	Drop-In Game Time Board Games and More
Library	Libraries	Let's Grow a Poet Tree!: A Year-Round Teen Showcase of Voice & Expression
Library	Libraries	Brown Bag Mystery Craft Series

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Library	Libraries	ENRICH Storytime
Library	Libraries	Saturday STEAM Adventures
Library	Civic Education and Public Information	Navigating U.S. Citizenship
Library	Libraries	Book Club for Adults
Library	Libraries	Imagination Station
Library	Libraries	Library Coffee Carts: Brewing Confidence One Cup at a Time
Library	Libraries	Arts & Crafts for the Mental Health Well-being of Adults
Library	Libraries	Fun with Legos
Library	Libraries	Chess for All
Library	Libraries	Chalk It Out!: Turning the Kendale Lakes Library Plaza into a Community Canvas
Library	Libraries	Artistic Representation Through an Open Mic Program
Library	Libraries	Recycled Cardboard Creations
Library	Libraries	Creative Connections
Library	Libraries	Meet a Microbiologist at the Sunset Branch Library
Library	Libraries	Interlocking Lives: Puzzle Exchange Brings People Together
Library	Libraries	Itty Bitty Artists Program – Lakes of the Meadow Branch Library
Library	Children and Youth	Baby Tummy Time
Library	Libraries	Crochet & Connections
Library	Children and Youth	Baby Smush Art
Library	Libraries	Threads of Connection-Strengthening Community Through Public Fiber Art
Library	Libraries	Video Game Afternoons
Library	Libraries	Turtle Powered Programming and Outreach
Library	Children and Youth	Crafts at Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida
Library	Libraries	Yarn Craft Heaven
Library	Libraries	Basic Computer Skills y mas
Library	Libraries	The Curated Screen
Library	Libraries	Furever Homes
Library	Libraries	Coloreando y Charlando Entre Amigos (Coloring and Chatting With Friends)
Library	Human Services	Immigration Support Initiative
Library	Libraries	Techy Tuesday
Library	Children and Youth	Infant Massage Class

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Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Integrated Strategic and Financial Plan
Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Legislative Dashboard Tracking System for Internal Policy Coordination
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Implementation of Amendment 10: Transition of the Clerk of the Court and Comptroller Through Collaboration and Innovation Without Disruption to Workforce or Services
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Implementation of Amendment 10 in Miami-Dade County: Transition of the Property Appraiser Through Collaboration and Innovation Without Disruption to Workforce or Services
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Implementation of Amendment 10 in Miami-Dade County: Transition of the Sheriff's Office Through Collaboration and Innovation Without Disruption to Workforce or Public Safety
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Implementation of Amendment 10 in Miami-Dade County: Transition of the Supervisor of Elections Through Collaboration and Innovation Without Disruption to Workforce or Election Services
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Implementation of Amendment 10: Transition of the Tax Collector Through Financial System Integration and Operational Innovation Without Service Disruption
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Enhanced Legislative Award Contract and Expenditure Reporting System
Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Grant Assistance Request, Proposal Development Workload Management System
Office of Management and Budget	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Integrated GIMS Training Program for County Grant Management
Office of Management and Budget	Financial Management	Standardized Grant Reimbursement Framework for Constitutional Offices
Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Automated Countywide Bi-Weekly Grants Reporting System

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Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Enhanced Transparency in GIMS-Based Quarterly Federal and State Grants Reporting
Office of Management and Budget	Information Technology	Digital Grant Reporting Workflow for Sheriff's Office Compliance
Office of Management and Budget	Planning	Grant Application Development and Submission Time and Task Matrix
Office of Management and Budget	County Administration and Management	Countywide Nonprofit Capacity-Building and Office Hours Initiative
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Volunteers	Miami-Dade Parks' Mountain Bike Trail Volunteer Program
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Civic Education and Public Information	Miami-Dade Parks Jr. Park Ranger Program
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Information Technology	Miami-Dade County Street LigHomeless Trusting District Mapping Application
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Financial Management	Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Labor & Equipment Digital Time and Charges System
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation	Miami-Dade Parks' Deering AT Program
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Parks and Recreation	Miami-Dade Parks' Boating Engagement Initiative
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Volunteers	Miami-Dade Parks' Citizen Science Debris Data Survey & EcoBucket Challenge
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Parks and Recreation	Miami-Dade Parks' Golf U23 Patron Card Program
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces	Parks and Recreation	Chapman Field Park Resilience and Restoration Project
Regulatory and Economic Resources	Community and Economic Development	Regulatory and Economic Resources Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Compliance and Environmental Protection Program
Regulatory and Economic Resources	Community and Economic Development	Regulatory and Economic Resources Building Enforcement Unit Revenue and Operational Realignment
Regulatory and Economic Resources	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Modernizing Recruitment: The Regulatory and Economic Resources Human Resources (HR) Recruitment Tracker
Regulatory and Economic Resources	Community and Economic Development	Regulatory and Economic Resources Fast Track Permitting Program

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Regulatory and Economic Resources	Financial Management	Regulatory and Economic Resources Food and Beverage Tax Settlement Program
Regulatory and Economic Resources	County Administration and Management	Regulatory and Economic Resources Subdivision Improvement Bond Program Modernization
Strategic Procurement	Information Technology	AI Assistant for Procurement: Enhancing Efficiency, Consistency, and Access in County Operations
Strategic Procurement	Information Technology	Advancing Efficiency: Transformation of Miami-Dade County's Vendor Compliance/Due Diligence Process
Strategic Procurement	Information Technology	Artificial Intelligence Tool for Competitive Selection Committee
Transportation and Public Works	Personnel Management, Employment, and Training	Department of Transportation and Public Works HR On the Go