Memorandum

Date:	November 9, 2026
To:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners
From:	Daniella Levine Cava Mayor
Subject:	Request for Additional Expenditure Authority to Prequalification Pool for Helicopter Parts, Avionics, Flight Instruments, Accessories, Consumables and Related Services

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Agenda Item No. 3(B)

Executive Summary

This item is for additional expenditure authority for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) to purchase parts and services to ensure continued operational readiness, regulatory compliance, and safety of the Air Rescue fleet. MDFR issues spot market quotes for inspections, overhauls, repairs, medical and safety supplies, ground support equipment, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) avionics recertification for use by the MDFR helicopter fleet. Additional funding is needed to support scheduled maintenance and regulatory requirements, helping prevent extended aircraft downtime, maintain fleet availability, and ensure helicopters remain ready for critical fire-rescue and emergency response operations. Helicopters are indispensable as they combine rapid access, unique operational capabilities, and multi-mission flexibility that ground-based resources cannot match.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve additional expenditure authority for *Prequalification Pool No. EVN0001188, Helicopter Parts, Avionics, Flight Instruments, Accessories, Consumables and Related Services,* in the amount of $2,900,000 for MDFR.

Background

This pool was established by the Board on December 12, 2023 via Resolution No. R-1136-23 for a five-year term and one, five-year option to renew for the Miami-Dade Police Department, now the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO), and MDFR for the purchase of helicopter engine, airframe, avionics, and equipment purchase and repair services under four groups. MDFR uses this pool to purchase parts, routing inspections, maintenance, and repair services for the department's fleet of helicopters. MDFR utilizes their current fleet of helicopters for medical transport and search and rescue missions that are essential to their operations.

Additional expenditure authority is requested to enable MDFR to continue obtaining helicopter fleet inspections, maintenance, repairs, equipment, and FAA certifications to ensure safety, reliability, airworthiness, and regulatory compliance. The current allocation is insufficient to support the anticipated maintenance, inspections, repairs, regulatory requirements, replacement of safety equipment, and operational support necessary during the remaining term. Aircraft incidents and inspections identifying excessive corrosion that required parts purchases and repair services not originally contemplated at pool inception resulted in MDFR depleting their allocation quicker than anticipated. Additional repairs for radio maintenance and component servicing further contributed to the increased utilization of funds. These services were essential to maintaining aircraft fleet availability and ensuring operational readiness.

Scope

The impact of this item is countywide in nature.

Delegated Authority

There is no additional delegation of authority sought in this item as the authority to solicit pricing and award contracts up to an aggregate amount of the allocation authorized by the Board, exercise all provisions of the solicitation documents and any resulting contracts pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the

County Code and Implementing Order 3-38, and add vendors to the pool at any time, subject to ratification by the Board on a bi-annual basis, was granted when the pool was established. Any contract award under the prequalification pool exceeding $5,000,000 is subject to ratification by the Board.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The pool currently expires on December 31, 2028. If this request is approved and the remaining option to renew valued at $10,300,000 is exercised, the pool will have a modified cumulative allocation of $25,560,000. The requested increase in expenditure authority is based on mandatory FAA inspections and recertifications, manufacturer-recommended overhaul cycles, the replacement of mission-critical safety equipment, specialized repair services, aviation support equipment, and consumable supplies necessary to safely operate the Air Rescue fleet. The additional expenditure for this year was approved by the Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 County budget.

Department	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Budgeted*
MDFR	$6,660,000	$2,900,000	$9,560,000	Fire District / General Fund	FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget, Volume 2, Page 214, Other Operating
MDSO	$16,000,000	$0	$16,000,000	General Fund	
Total	**$22,660,000**	**$2,900,000**	**$25,560,000**		

*The FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget Book was not finalized at the time this item was drafted. Therefore, the budget information above is based on the Proposed Budget Book.

Track Record/Monitor

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

Prequalified Vendors

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Arrow Aviation Company LLC	1318 Smede Highway Broussard, LA	None	David Guidry
Axxeum Inc	351 Electronics Boulevard SW Ste A Huntsville, AL	None	Rebecca Sadriyev
Bell Textron Inc	3255 Bell Helicopter Boulevard Fort Worth, TX	None	Kyle Keith
Digital Airware LLC	8938 Landsdowne Avenue Harrisburg, NC	None	Joaquin Demoreta
Freedom Air Industries Inc	2000 NW 133rd Avenue Unit 1 Miami, FL	Same	Rudy Valdes
Grunt Aerospace & Logistics Inc	8289 NW 56th Street Doral, FL	Same	Gustavo Reina
Propel Aviation Sales & Services, LLC	12800 SW 139th Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Mario Salazar
Rotortech Services Inc	4095 Southern Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL	None	Art Apicella

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Sherwood Aviation and Accessories Inc	4690 NW 128 Street Opa Locka, FL	Same	Bruce M. Owens
Sterling Corporation	1226 River Road Croydon, PA	None	Aimee DelBello

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.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies where permitted by funding source.
- Small Business Enterprise measures will be determined prior to advertising each spot market competition. Local Preference will be applied at the time of spot market competition were permitted by funding source.
- The Living Wage Ordinance applies to Groups 1, 3, and 4

Arnold Palmer
Chief of Public Safety

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: January 20, 2027

FROM: Geri 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 AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO $2,900,000.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED CUMULATIVE POOL AMOUNT OF $25,560,000.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. EVN0001188, HELICOPTER PARTS, AVIONICS, FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS, ACCESSORIES, CONSUMABLES AND RELATED SERVICES, FOR THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT ANY CONTRACT AWARD UNDER THE POOL EXCEEDING $5,000,000.00 IS RATIFIED BY THE BOARD

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 authorizes additional expenditure authority up to $2,900,000.00 for a total modified cumulative pool amount of $25,560,000.00 for Prequalification Pool No. EVN0001188, Helicopter Parts, Avionics, Flight Instruments, Accessories, Consumables and Related Services, for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department; provided that any contract award under the pool exceeding $5,000,000.00 is ratified by the Board. A copy of the pool documents is 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:

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 20th day of January, 2027. 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