

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 17, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for the Miami-Dade
Department of Emergency
Management

Resolution No. R-48-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez.



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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 ____, 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) ____, or 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-48-24

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI-DADE
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County (“County”) Department of Emergency Management (“DEM”) plans and prepares for emergencies by coordinating activities with County departments, municipalities, non-profit social service and medical care agencies, businesses, residents and visitors by educating about preparedness, coordinating emergency response and recovery, and delivering emergency information; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple endeavors that DEM now seeks to undertake which can be facilitated by State funding; and

WHEREAS, for example, DEM currently does not have the capability to deploy a command-and-control facility; and

WHEREAS, a deployable command-and-control facility would provide the ability to establish operational command centers in various locations quickly, which is particularly crucial in disaster response or emergency situations where a fixed facility may not be available or accessible; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2023, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (R – Doral) submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1820 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$500,000.00 for Miami-Dade County Emergency Management: Deployable Command-and-Control Facilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2023, Representative Fabián Basabe (R – Miami Beach) submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 3105 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$500,000.00 for Emergency Management Deployable Command-and-Control Facilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above project that would greatly benefit from State funding, DEM seeks to expand the Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) program, which educates residents about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations; and

WHEREAS, while Miami-Dade County currently trains 150 residents each year, the County seeks to double this number each year and expand the initiative in areas that do not have a program; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2023, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1821 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$80,000.00 for Miami-Dade County Emergency Management Deployable Community Response Team Program & Equipment; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2023, Representative Fabián Basabe submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 3106 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$80,000.00 for Emergency Management Deployable Community Emergency Response Team Program & Equipment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above projects that would greatly benefit from State funding, DEM seeks to acquire a “box” truck to increase its logistical capabilities; and

WHEREAS, DEM currently does not possess the capability to distribute disaster-related supplies to residents, partners, and other county departments; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a “box” truck would increase DEM’s logistical capabilities to deliver essential supplies, equipment, food, beverages, and medications; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2023, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1819 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$90,000.00 for an Emergency Management Box Truck for Logistics Supplies and Points of Distribution; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2023, Representative Fabián Basabe submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 3107 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$90,000.00 for an Emergency Management Box Truck; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above projects that would greatly benefit from State funding, DEM seeks to procure back-up emergency operations infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a catastrophic failure to Miami-Dade County’s primary emergency operations center (*i.e.*, power failure, cyber-attack, or major weather-related damage), DEM would be required to expeditiously establish its operations at an alternate location with equivalent resources; and

WHEREAS, DEM has designated a secondary location that has never received the resources required to serve as a functional emergency operations center; and

WHEREAS, DEM currently lacks the technological infrastructure needed to maintain situational awareness and coordinate activities during a major disaster; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2023, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez submitted Local Funding Initiative Request No. 1822 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$225,000.00 for a Miami-Dade County Back-Up Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023, Representative Fabián Basabe submitted Appropriations Project Request No. 3108 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which requested \$225,000.00 for Back-Up Emergency Operations Center infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available State funding for the Miami-Dade Department of Emergency Management, particularly with respect to the aforementioned projects for which appropriations requests have been submitted for State Fiscal Year 2024-2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to appropriate funding for the Miami-Dade Department of Emergency Management.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, Representative Fabián Basabe, and the remaining Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2024 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Juan Carlos Bermudez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 17th day of January, 2024. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes