

MEMORANDUM

Amended
Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)

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

DATE: April 2, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 2024
Federal Legislative Package,
including “urging” resolutions
adopted by the Board to date,
guiding principles, departmental
legislative requests, and priorities
of the Public Health Trust

Resolution No. R-289-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.


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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	Amended
Veto	_____		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(12)
Override	_____		4-2-24

RESOLUTION NO. **R-289-24**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, INCLUDING “URGING” RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD TO DATE, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS, AND PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

WHEREAS, the 118th United States Congress began on January 3, 2023 and will end on January 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-59-12, which directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, when it presents the proposed federal or state legislative package respectively to the Board, to include all “urging” resolutions and other resolutions related to federal or state legislation passed by the Board of County Commissioners to date for the current Congress or session; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2013, this Board approved Resolution No. R-764-13, which directed that the federal and state legislative packages each be presented to the Board in two separate companion items, one consisting of no more than ten priorities for distribution to the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation and the other to include guiding principles, Board “urging” resolutions enacted to date and departmental items for approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-764-13 provided that, upon the priorities being approved and effective including any amendments by the Board, the Chair of the Board, or a County Commissioner designated by the Chair, shall transmit the priorities to the respective federal or state legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018, this Board approved Resolution No. R-1267-18, which:

1. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to timely remit the federal legislative package, after its approval by the Board, to the County's federal contract lobbyists for feedback and to prepare a report detailing the findings of said feedback prior to the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities, with such report being placed on the Board agenda as a supplement to the item providing for the Board's consideration of the federal legislative priorities;

2. Directed the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include in the draft federal legislative package the federal legislative requests from the Public Health Trust, if available; and

3. Requested that the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, starting in December 2019 and each year thereafter, present the draft legislative package for the following year to the Board for consideration in December; and

WHEREAS, unless waived, the provision of Resolution No. R-1267-18 directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to seek the input of the County's federal contract lobbyists after the Board approves the federal legislative package necessitates the Board approving the federal legislative package at one meeting and then deciding on federal legislative priorities at a subsequent meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2024 federal legislative package, including "urging" resolutions enacted by the Board to date, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests and priorities of the Public Health Trust is attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference,

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

Section 1. Approves the 2024 federal legislative package, including “urging” resolutions adopted by the Board through the March 5, 2024 meeting, guiding principles, departmental legislative requests, and priorities of the Public Health Trust, as set forth in the attached.

Section 2. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the 2024 federal legislative package.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** 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	absent
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 19th day of March, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JZ", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty
Michael J. Mastrucci
Javier Zapata



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Home Rule and Preemption:** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of local home rule. ***OPPOSE*** any effort to preempt local authority.
- **Federal Funding, Cost Shifts, and Unfunded Mandates -** ***SUPPORT*** preservation of existing federal funding for County programs. ***SUPPORT*** direct federal funding to Counties and cities. ***OPPOSE*** any additional cost shifts or unfunded mandates from the federal government to the County and any reductions in County revenue or formula funding from the federal government. ***OPPOSE*** any measure that would adversely affect County revenues.
- **Protect Previous Federal Funding -** ***SUPPORT*** efforts to secure the same level of federal funding for County programs as last year.
- **Promote Partnerships -** ***SUPPORT*** partnerships with other counties, municipalities, national associations, and any other entity that would help to create favorable outcomes for the County.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS

As of March 5, 2024, and in chronological order by passage

R-931-23: RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL AND INCREASED FUNDS ON A RECURRING BASIS FOR SEAWEED REMOVAL ON BEACHES LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

R-933-23: RESOLUTION OPPOSING H.R. 3372 AND H.R. 2948, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD INCREASE THE PERMISSIBLE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, MULTI-AXLE VEHICLES, AND SPECIALIZED HAULING VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

R-1018-23: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2024 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

R-1028-23: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ADOPTED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

R-54-24: URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR HIV/AIDS RELIEF EFFORTS AT CURRENT OR GREATER LEVELS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF CURRENT AND FUTURE HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS

DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS BY POLICY AREA

Policy Area: Transportation and Ports

Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

- **North Corridor and SMART Program Funding - *ADVOCATE*** for accelerated review of the North Corridor, which is currently under the Federal Transit Administration's evaluation process. ***SUPPORT*** funding and financing for all corridors of the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Program. ***SUPPORT*** streamlining of the federal application process for funding to assist in the implementation of the SMART Program as per the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization approved Resolution No. 52-2023.
- **Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit Project – *SUPPORT*** funding of the County's Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit Project as recommended in President Joseph Biden's 2025 budget proposal.
- **Fully Fund Public Transit and Passenger Rail in Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations Bill - *SUPPORT*** the THUD Appropriations Act, together with advance appropriations of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), to maintain current funding levels or increase funding for public transit and passenger rail. This funding is critical to DTPW's efforts to bring public transit to a state of good repair. ***SUPPORT*** the provision of the fully authorized amount for the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants (CIG), which provide substantial funding to DTPW for critical infrastructure projects along the corridors in the SMART Plan such as Bus Rapid Transit, commuter rail, and light rail systems and extensions. ***SUPPORT*** the provision of the fully authorized amount for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants, including public transportation and multi-modal projects. This funding supports investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact to improve safety, economic strength, equity, and climate and sustainability. ***SUPPORT*** the provision of the fully authorized amount provided for public transit formula and bus and bus facility competitive grants.
- **Discretionary Transportation Grants - *SUPPORT*** the award of U.S. Department of Transportation grant funds that the County is eligible for.
- **Fully Fund Federal Formula Program and State of Good Repair (SGR) grants at least to the levels provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - *SUPPORT*** funding to DTPW for several critical, but not fully funded improvement projects, which could qualify for State of Good Repair (SGR) grants, including continuing support for SGR grants that can fund projects for improvement or

modernization of Metrorail and Metromover guideways, replacement of escalators and overhaul of elevators at Metromover stations, the acquisition of battery electric buses and retrofitting of garages to service CNG and electric buses.

- **Venetian Causeway - *ADVOCATE*** for sufficient funding to rehabilitate or replace the bridges constituting the Venetian Causeway through the Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program, Community Project Funding requests, and other funding opportunities.

Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD)

- **Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024 - *ADVOCATE*** for the passage of a multi-year FAA Reauthorization bill in 2024 which will provide airports with support to implement critical safety and security projects funded through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).
- **Strengthen Federal Passenger and Cargo Screening Operations - *SUPPORT*** funding for 1,000 new Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in the bipartisan border security package included in the President's FY 2024 emergency supplemental request. MDAD also supports adequate funding levels for Transportation Security Officers and screening technologies necessary to (1) screen the number of passengers and baggage expected in 2024; (2) improve security effectiveness; (3) mitigate vulnerabilities associated with large groups of passengers waiting in lengthy queues at passenger screening checkpoints, and (4) reduce the potential for passengers and baggage missing their intended flights. With passenger volumes at MIA already surpassing those of 2023, additional resources are needed to ensure screening checkpoint and baggage operations keep pace with air travel demands.
- **Airport Infrastructure Funding - *SUPPORT*** airport infrastructure funding levels and provisions contained in the House adopted H.R. 3935 or similar legislation that proposes to increase Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding from \$3.35 billion to \$4 billion annually and authorizes \$100 million per year for supplemental AIP discretionary grants. The bill also includes multiple AIP formula changes that would update the way the FAA distributes federal funds to commercial service and General Aviation airports. H.R. 3935 would reduce the "Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) turnback" for large and medium hub airports from 75 percent to 40 percent. H.R. 3935 also removes most restrictions on the kinds of terminal development projects AIP can be used for, reducing the need for airports to segment terminal projects to comply with program requirements. The cargo apportionment is increased from 3.5 percent to 4 percent of overall AIP funding as well. The House-passed bill proposes to help General Aviation airports by increasing the non-primary entitlement from 20 percent to 25 percent of available AIP funds.
- **Air Traffic Control (ATC) Staffing - *SUPPORT*** efforts to address the urgent need for adequate staffing and training of air traffic controllers, technicians, and other aviation safety professionals to maintain the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System (NAS). The understaffing that currently exists within the Air Traffic

Organization places additional strain on the system, further eroding the margin of safety and increasing risk. MDAD also supports the recommendations of the NAS Safety Review Team that call for the development of a defensible, flexible, predictive air traffic controller staffing model that determines system and individual facility needs.

PortMiami

- **Reimbursement of the Federal Share of a Federal Navigation Project - *ADVOCATE*** for a change in Army Corps policy governing reimbursement to a nonfederal sponsor which advanced the federal share of a federal navigation project. Eligibility for reimbursement requires a new start designation, notwithstanding that the project is completed. Removal of the new start requirement will enable PortMiami to compete equitably with other major dredge projects when seeking federal funds.
- **Mega Grant Applications and Inland Port Development - *ADVOCATE*** for a repeat of the Senate committee report language relating to inland ports in the Explanatory Statement, THUD (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development) appropriations (FY 2024). Language in committee report #118-70 addresses the significance of inland ports to the supply chain and encourages the Secretary of Transportation to consider those Mega grant applications which include the development of inland ports in order to facilitate an efficient supply chain. This congressional direction could enhance the competitiveness of PortMiami's next Mega grant application to Department of Transportation (DOT) for assistance in implementing the *Cargo Mobility, Optimization, Electrification and Inland Ports* Project.
- **Clean Ports Program in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - *MONITOR*** the new funding program under the IRA which will build on the Environmental Protection Agency's Ports Initiative, addressing public health and environmental impacts on surrounding communities. The program focuses on our nation's ports, a critical part of our infrastructure and supply chain. The primary objective is to provide funding for zero-emission port equipment and technology, as well as to assist ports in developing climate action plans to reduce air pollutants.
- **Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - *MONITOR*** for the Notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) for the major programs funded by the IIJA of interest to ports: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (Mega); the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP), RAISE and INFRA. ***ADVOCATE*** for additional (FY 2025) appropriations for the IIJA programs.
- **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) / New \$3 Billion Grant Program for Zero Emissions Port Equipment and Technology - *MONITOR*** for EPA's release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as this program can provide a critical source of funding to assist in the implementation of "Net Zero." PortMiami has responded to EPA's outreach for stakeholder comments in the preparation of the implementation guidance.

- **Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP) - *SUPPORT*** the Senate proposed funding level of \$213 million for FY 2024 in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill and continued robust funding in the 2025 House and Senate THUD appropriations bills.
- **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) - *SUPPORT*** language in the FY 2024 NDAA which extends United States Maritime Administration (MARAD)'s authority to award grants for shore power connections at cruise berths, pursuant to the Port Infrastructure Development Grant (PIDP) Program. *SUPPORT* future industry efforts to extend or amend the authority, as needed.
- **Government Services Administration (GSA) / Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Land Ports of Entry Modernization and Construction Program in IIJA - *SUPPORT*** the inclusion of waterway ports of entry in following scope: Modernize and improve Land Port of Entry at our nation's Northern and Southwest Border. Allows the construction and modernization at all ports on CBP's five-year plan and those identified as a priority for upgrades. Port modernization improves border security and efficient flow of travel and trade across our land border.
- **Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) - *SUPPORT*** the inclusion electric tugs in the grant program for the purchase of electric or low-emitting (methanol, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, coal-derived liquid fuels) ferries. Requires that at least one grant be awarded to the State with the largest Marine Highway System and a bi-ferry service with an aging fleet.
- **Maritime Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Staffing - *ADVOCATE*** for additional resources by the FY 2025 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill. CBP staffing is essential to the effective and efficient administration of the nation's port security policy. For America's international gateways to function more effectively and safely, CBP must be adequately funded to assure there are adequate agents assigned to seaports. PortMiami will work in conjunction with the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) to seek maximum funding levels for FY 2025.
- **Miami Harbor Navigation Improvements and Miami Harbor Feasibility Study - *SUPPORT*** the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Jacksonville District Office to assure timely completion of the ongoing feasibility study, to stay on schedule for a Chief of Engineers' report in 2026 and project authorization by WRDA 2026.
- **Donor and Energy Transfer Ports (D&ET) Program - *ADVOCATE*** in coordination with the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and the nation's five other donor ports, for D&ET funds and implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 HMTF reforms by: (1) the House/Senate conference agreement, *Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 2024*; (2) the 2025 *Energy and Water Development* appropriations bills; and (3) Army Corps work plans.

- **Miami Harbor Operations and Maintenance - *SUPPORT*** the \$100,000 for Miami Harbor 2024 maintenance needs pending final House/Senate conference approval, *Energy and Water Development Appropriations*, FY 2024. ***SUPPORT*** the amount budgeted for Miami Harbor maintenance in the FY 2025 Army Corps budget document, to be released in early 2024.
- **Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Facility Upgrades - *SUPPORT*** industry initiatives to manage the escalating costs of facility upgrades.
- **Seaport Climate Change and Resiliency - *ADVOCATE*** for climate change/resiliency initiatives which support seaports adaptation efforts, including any follow up to the report released by the House Select Committee on Climate Change in 2020 - “Build a Cleaner and More Resilient Maritime and Shipping Sector,” which recommends investments in climate resiliency projects for U.S. ports in future water resources (WRDA) legislation.
- **Cold Treatment Production on Port - *ADVOCATE*** for stakeholders at the USDA, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Florida seaports to develop an agreement/plan to safely finish cold treatment at Florida ports. Prior to 2019, cold treatment perishables could not enter U.S. ports south of the 39th latitude unless perishables completed 15 days of cold treatment at 33 degrees Fahrenheit outside of the United States requiring Florida-bound fruits grown in Latin America to be shipped to ports like Port of Philadelphia and Port of Wilmington, DE, contributing to highway congestion, increased emissions, and loss of shelf life. Recent updates by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA) now permit all U.S. ports to request authorization to bring in completed cold treatment produce as well as to continue cold treatment at Florida ports.
- **Western Hemisphere Nearshoring Act - *SUPPORT*** H.R. 722 or similar legislation which incentivizes producers to relocate to Latin America and the Caribbean, with the intent of reducing the U.S. supply chain dependence on China.
- **FY 2024 Vehicle Technologies Office FOA - *SUPPORT*** the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) funding opportunity announcement (FOA). The research design development demonstration (RDD&D) activities to be funded under this anticipated FOA will support the government-wide approach to the climate crisis by driving the innovation that can lead to the deployment of clean energy technologies, critical to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.
- **Research and Planning Opportunities for Efficiency and Renewable Energy - *MONITOR*** the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy research and planning projects, including energy-efficient commercial off-road vehicle technologies, medium/heavy duty vehicle corridor charging, and advanced engine and fuel technologies to improve fuel economy and reduce GHG emissions.

Policy Area: Environment and Resilience

Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS)

- **Biscayne-Everglades Greenway** - **ADVOCATE** for funding and/or authorize programs to assist in the Design and Construction of the 43-mile world class Biscayne-Everglades Greenway that will traverse and serve both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Miami-Dade County connecting Biscayne National Park to Everglades National Park providing a safe and scenic route to the parks without concern for vehicular traffic. The greenway will connect to a variety of other trails in the South Dade Greenways Network and will incorporate South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and County owned rights-of-ways. The project will provide for both recreation and alternative transportation. The funding will be used to complete trail extensions to the west of Northeast 12 Avenue with connections to the existing South Dade Trail / East Coast Greenway along the Busway and downtown Homestead along SW 320 Street (East Mowry Drive and West Mowry Drive).

Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER)

- **Beach Erosion Control Sand Sources and Beautification** - **SUPPORT** efforts to exempt Southeast Florida, specifically Miami-Dade County, from federal prohibition of cost-sharing non-domestic sources of beach sand for beach erosion control/sea level rise mitigation. **SUPPORT** the provision of federal funds for seaweed removal as delineated in Board adopted Resolution No. R-931-23. (Environmental Resources Management and Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)
- **Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management** - **SUPPORT** the authorization of 2024 Chief's Report for the Miami-Dade County Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Study and associated amendments to the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA) to advance recommended projects that protect critical infrastructure, elevate residential properties and flood-proof commercial prosperities in Environmental Justice neighborhoods and areas of high risk. **SUPPORT** the authorization of a Nature-Based Solution Pilot Program that will explore innovative measures to provide both storm surge risk reduction and environmental quality benefits. (Resilience)
- **Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program** - **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** federal grant programs that provides Miami-Dade County's EEL Program funding to acquire and manage environmentally sensitive lands that help the County to adapt to impacts of sea level rise (such as increased erosion, higher storm surges, salt water intrusion, impacts to Biscayne Bay). **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** federal grant programs that provide the EEL Program funding for wildfire risk reduction in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to allow for the following: planning and conducting of prescribed fires in natural areas; installing firebreaks and other control measures; and for hiring crews to remove flammable vegetation. **ADVOCATE** for and

SUPPORT federal grant programs that provide the EEL Program funding for improving access by adding trails, boardwalks, signage, and other amenities that make the lands more Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible and enjoyable for all visitors. (Environmental Resources Management)

- **Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact - SUPPORT** the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact's 2024 federal climate, energy and resilience legislative priorities and principles, as approved by the Compact Leadership Committee. (Resilience)
- **Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Implementation - SUPPORT** efforts by federal agencies to further implement and codify the FFRMS into all federal programs and other funding packages such as the Inflation Reduction Act to reduce long-term flood risk and build community resilience. **SUPPORT** efforts by FEMA to fully implement the FFRMS into programs by rule-making. (Resilience)
- **Resilience Hubs/Cooling Sites - SUPPORT** FEMA funding for energy redundancy investments at resilience hub/cooling sites in vulnerable communities. (Resilience)
- **Grant Funding Optimization - SUPPORT** efforts to ensure that any new funding sources like state revolving loan funds be complimentary to each other and can be paired with other federal grants. **SUPPORT** the streamlining of grants and other funding so that they can move more quickly from state to local governments. (Resilience)
- **Laurel Wilt Disease - ADVOCATE** for continued funding for the mitigation and eradication, prevention and treatment of Laurel Wilt Disease. Include Laurel Wilt Disease as a covered cause of loss under the tree insurance policy and the Tree Assistance Program. (Economic Development)
- **Agriculture Relief - ADVOCATE** for funding, programs, legislation, and assistance to increase viability of the local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm and other potential damages to the industry. (Economic Development)
- **AmeriCorp VISTA Funding - SUPPORT** and increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorp VISTA Program to expand its reach and impact to combat poverty using its VISTA Members. (Economic Development)
- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - SUPPORT** and increase funding to expand the EITC for working families. This program directly helps low- to moderate-income workers and families get a tax break. (Economic Development)
- **Biscayne Bay Restoration - ADVOCATE** to restore Biscayne Bay water quality and habitats, including the development of a Reasonable Assurance Plan; **SUPPORT** efforts to secure recurring funds to accomplish Biscayne Bay restoration; **SUPPORT**

legislation providing funding in the form of federal grants to facilitate restoration-related projects to restore water quality and habitats and prevent fish kills and algal blooms. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)

- **Coral Reef Protection and Restoration - *ADVOCATE*** for continued federal support and funding for research and implementation of coral reef ecosystem restoration projects including the establishments of land-based nurseries and infrastructure. ***ADVOCATE*** for continued federal support and funding for research, intervention treatment, and mitigation rescue efforts for coral disease. ***SUPPORT*** full congressional appropriation of the authorized funding in the Coral Reef Protection Act as reauthorized and amended in the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (Environmental Resources Management)
- **Trees and Heat Islands - *ADVOCATE*** for funding to expand tree cover and deploy cool and porous pavements to improve air quality, mitigate urban heat islands, and reduce runoff and heat impacts. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)
- **Central and South Florida Flood Control Project - *SUPPORT*** action by the US Army Corps of Engineers through a Section 216 study to reassess the Central and South Florida Flood Control Project given changing climate conditions, especially sea level rise. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)
- **Flood Risk Mitigation - *SUPPORT*** the protection of and increased funding for flood risk mitigation, and more specifically nature-based features, particularly through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants including Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program and the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-Mitigation) funds. ***SUPPORT*** efforts to ensure that federally funded projects are built resiliently accounting for future conditions such as sea level rise and more extreme rainfall events and emphasize the incorporation of nature-based solutions to the maximum extent practicable. (Resilience and Department of Emergency Management)
- **National Flood Insurance - *SUPPORT*** efforts to reauthorize, improve, and strengthen the National Flood Insurance Program with provisions that limit premium rate increases and protect affordability, encourage greater program participation, expand the Increased Cost of Compliance Program, emphasize and increase funding for mitigation, and develop accurate flood maps. (Resilience and Department of Emergency Management)
- **Environmental and Climate Equity and Justice - *SUPPORT*** efforts such as the Justice40 Initiative to deliver at least 40 percent of overall benefits from federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. ***SUPPORT*** other efforts that require federal agencies to include considerations of climate equity - the disproportionate environmental and human health impacts of rule-making on communities of color and frontline communities. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)

- **Environmentally Based Solutions - *SUPPORT*** the White House Road Map for including Nature Based Solutions and other efforts to ensure that Nature Based Solutions be a part of the evaluation criteria for prioritizing capital projects ***SUPPORT*** Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program they have begun to award points for nature-based solutions and provision for future conditions. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)
- **National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy - *SUPPORT*** efforts similar to the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act, or NCARS bill S.3531 / H.R.6461, (co-sponsored by Rep Salazar (FL)) which would have established a chief resilience officer position in the White House, created a national climate adaptation strategy, and established several cross-sector working groups and a partners council. (Resilience)
- **Resilience Retrofit Funding for Multifamily Low-Income Housing and Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) Preservation - *SUPPORT*** additional funding for NOAH retrofits through CDBG Hazard Mitigation, Inflation Reduction Act, and other climate equity efforts. (Resilience)
- **Minimum Cooling Standards - *SUPPORT*** efforts to establish federally mandated minimum cooling requirements for residential properties similar to the International Building Code and U.S. Housing and Urban Development's minimum heating requirements for buildings to protect people from the cold. (Resilience)
- **Worker Protections from Extreme Heat - *SUPPORT*** the establishment of national standards for protecting workers from extreme heat exposure by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration. ***SUPPORT*** research into optimal heat safety protocols for worker safety and productivity and financial benefits associated with them. (Resilience)
- **Resilient Building Retrofits - *SUPPORT*** building envelope and foundation Weatherization programs that would help to fund retrofitting existing buildings as well as flooding adaptation plans for underground parking garages, seawall fortification, and cool roof technologies. (Building)
- **Preemption of Local Permitting of Broadband Electrical Systems - *OPPOSE*** preemption of permitting in private property or right of way. (Building)
- **Everglades Restoration in Miami-Dade - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** approval of \$725 million for Everglades restoration in the Federal Government's FY 2025 budget for Everglades restoration efforts to continue the progress made for Everglades restoration that includes funds for planning efforts for the Biscayne Bay Southeastern Everglades Ecosystem Restoration project (BBSEER). BBSEER is essential to Miami-Dade County. BBSEER will restore parts of the south Florida ecosystem in freshwater wetlands of the Southern Glades and Model Lands, the coastal wetlands, and sub-tidal areas, including mangrove and seagrass areas, of

Biscayne Bay, Biscayne National Park. (Environmental Resources Management and Resilience)

- **Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems - *SUPPORT*** legislation that: (1) prohibits the weakening of net metering and associated rates; (2) supports feed-in-tariff policies with guaranteed access to the grid, stable, long-term purchase agreements, and payment levels based on the costs of Renewable Energy generation that allow for off-site or “virtual” net metering; (3) creates a federal Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard; and (4) supports tax deductions for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects for property owners. (Resilience)
- **Whole Building Data - *SUPPORT*** federal requirement for all utilities to collect aggregated whole-building data from a local government jurisdiction’s largest building (20,000 square feet and above for government-owned buildings and private sector buildings) and provide this data to building owners or managers and local government representatives for benchmarking and to help identify opportunities to reduce water and energy usage. (Resilience)
- **Microgrids and Smart Grids - *SUPPORT*** efforts to have the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) develop mandatory standards for establishing microgrids and smart grids, including critical buildings and the geographic areas for prioritizing microgrids. (Resilience)
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure and Cleaner Cars and Trucks - *SUPPORT*** funding for EV charging station infrastructure. *SUPPORT* strengthening federal vehicle fuel-economy standards and funding and policies that accelerate adoption of light and heavy-duty electric vehicles and installation of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). *OPPOSE* federal legislation that would disincentivize or hinder EV infrastructure creation or deployment such as additional fines, fees, or preemptive regulatory frameworks. (Resilience)

Water and Sewer Department (WASD)

- **Infrastructure Finance and Programs - *SUPPORT*** the implementation of Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Authority (WIFIA), adequate funding of State Revolving Loan Funds, and federal policy on affordability, climate change, Clean Water Act mandates, and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates, which are all significant factors for WASD capital and operating requirements. WASD has been selected in each of the first four funding cycles for WIFIA projects, in addition to maximizing utilization of the State Revolving Loan Fund program, demonstrating the importance of these federal initiatives to produce results on the ground. A reliable utility system meeting all state and federal requirements is essential for the operation of other departments as well as the continued economic well-being of the County. Miami-Dade County has more than \$8 billion in water and sewer capital needs due to aging infrastructure, federal and state regulatory mandates, and changing conditions associated with documented sea level rise including sewer and water extensions

needed to convert impacted septic tank systems and contaminated drinking water wells. This represents the largest capital burden of any comparably sized utility in the nation.

- **Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Financing - *OPPOSE*** altering tax-exempt municipal bond financing on public drinking water and wastewater systems, reviews options being discussed at the federal level to cap or eliminate the 100-year-old tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, a move that would cost the sector billions of dollars in infrastructure projects. For more than a century, tax-exempt municipal bonds have been the most important funding source for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the United States. Congress should retain the current federal tax exemption for municipal bonds. ***SUPPORT*** the amendment of federal tax laws to permit once again the refinancing of existing tax-exempt bonds with new tax-exempt bonds at more favorable rates. Substantial savings to utility customers can be achieved by lowering the cost of borrowing needed to finance facilities required to provide a reliable and compliant water and sewer system.
- **Sound Science for Public Health and Environmental Protection - *SUPPORT*** the research, funding, and policy by which the Environmental Protection Agency and other pertinent federal agencies can assess risks and develop cost-effective technologies and management strategies to mitigate those risks for the protection of public health and the environment through the setting of standards, the provision of technical assistance to utilities, and the integration of programs to optimize results and avoid counterproductive conflicts.
- **PFAS Legislation Protecting Water and Sewer Utilities from Liability - *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides liability protection to utilities for which contamination of water supplies and wastewater has occurred as a result of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The cost of controlling these substances in both drinking water and wastewater is likely to be very high and determining that these compounds are hazardous wastes under the Superfund Act (CERCLA) would constitute an extreme hardship on utilities in the absence of some liability relief. Funding to address the cleanup of these compounds will be necessary. Research to establish scientifically based standards for treatment and cleanup targets is essential, along with finding cost-effective treatment technologies.
- **Needs-Tested Funding for Utility Customers - *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides needs-tested funding to utility customers for whom utility costs are becoming unaffordable. Water and sewer services are daily necessities of life regardless of income, and utilities are legally constrained in using customer revenues to subsidize financially challenged customers.
- **Funding for Septic to Sewer Conversion - *SUPPORT*** legislation providing funding in the form of federal grants and loans to facilitate septic to sewer projects where it is shown that septic systems are contributing to public health risks or environmental degradation of significant resources such as Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National

Park. Funding is needed for public infrastructure as well as for the cost of connection for private property owners.

- **Local Watershed Collaborations - *SUPPORT*** legislation that provides funding for technical support, data collection and sharing, and joint planning and infrastructure projects that address risks associated with watershed issues to promote the collaboration of local governments in the area. Recognize cost-sharing and provide prioritized funding for regional and watershed approaches through existing and emerging programs.
- **Federal Funding Inclusion of State Programming Criteria - *OPPOSE*** the addition of state programming criteria in federal funding programs distributed to local communities. This will ensure that the intent of the federal legislative programs is maintained while allowing for the efficient use of federal funding resources and maximizing benefits to the intended recipients.

Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM)

- **Waste Diversion and Zero Waste Programs - *SUPPORT*** federal legislation including a federal bottle bill and extended producer responsibility as well as funding for infrastructure and projects to support zero waste strategies to convert waste to recovered resource and divert materials from disposal such as composting, recycling, organic digestion, and renewable hydrogen development. (Department of Solid Waste Management and Resilience)
- **Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) / Net Metering - *SUPPORT*** expansion of the rebuttable presumption of a mandatory purchase obligation under PURPA, minimum term duration standards for power purchase agreements, including Waste-to-Energy (WTE) micro-grids where government owned WTE facilities will be able to provide power to other local government infrastructure (i.e. airports, wastewater treatment plants, etc.) as an offset to electric energy provided by the electric utility during an applicable billing period. Remove regulatory and market barriers preventing local governments from providing self-generated electricity, either directly or via net metering, to other non-contiguous government owned facilities.
- **Electric Garbage Trucks - *ADVOCATE* for and *SUPPORT*** dedicated funding be provided to large Counties (more than 100,000 residents) for electric garbage trucks and their associated EV charging stations. A fully electric garbage truck will have zero emissions, reduced fuel, and maintenance costs. An electric garbage truck will also cut down on the noise pollution. In keeping with the County's sustainability goals, the County's Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility can be used to power electric vehicles.
- **Flow Control/Interstate Waste Transport - *OPPOSE*** any efforts seeking to amend legislation in response to the April 2007 Supreme Court decision *United Haulers Assn. v. Oreida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority* (No. 05-1345) which held that flow control

to publicly owned facilities is a legislative use of flow control authority. Flow control improves the DSWM's financial position and creates a more stable environment.

- **Market Incentives for Electricity Produced from Renewable Resources -** **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** market incentives to encourage development and operation of alternative, renewable energy production. Engage with the Departments of Treasury, Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act implementation of programs providing direct pay and other support for new and expanded clean energy generation. Specific issues include direct pay for expanded or new Waste-to-Energy (WTE) development as well as other waste diversion including organics processing technology including anaerobic digestion processing and composting. Support efforts to implement the Renewable Fuel Standard program in a manner that includes WTE eligibility. **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** funding for local governments for metal and other sustainable material recovery. **ADVOCATE** for extension of deadlines in relation tax credits/direct pay options that would support WTE and other waste diversion and organic processing infrastructure.
- **Mosquito Control Technologies -** **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** dedicated funding be provided to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or to state or local governments for new and emerging technologies that reduce the risk of mosquito-transmitted diseases.

Policy Area: Community Services

Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD)

- **HIV/AIDS Relief Efforts and Prevention -** **SUPPORT** efforts to maintain funding for HIV/AIDS relief efforts at current or greater levels to ensure the continuity of current and future HIV/AIDS prevention programs as delineated in Board adopted Resolution No. R-54-24.
- **Increased Funding for Mental Health Services -** **SUPPORT** increased funding to address mental health needs of children and adults.
- **Increased Funding and Accessibility for Weatherization Assistance and Home Rehabilitation Programs -** **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** increased funding for weatherization and home rehabilitation programs to improve investments in energy efficiency, and home rehabilitation improvements available to lower income homeowners.
- **Community Services Block Grant Act (CSBG) -** **ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** legislative action that will support the reauthorization and amendment of the CSBG Act to adopt performance requirements and performance benchmarks to be included as part of the performance measurement system under this Act.

- **Older Americans Act (OAA) - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** increased funding allocations to the OAA. Increased funding would support expanded and enhanced service provision to target individuals; services such as in-home support, adult day care, and respite for caregivers, transportation services to service provision and related locations for increasing the socialization of older adults or vulnerable persons at risk for isolation, recreational field trips to improve the physical health of target individuals, and hot meals for qualifying clients.
- **Systemic Treatment and Recovery for Opioid-Naloxone Grant - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** efforts for a dedicated and increased funding to expand access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) treatment for high-risk individuals with opioid use disorders and linkages to appropriate care to prevent likelihood of fatal overdoses.
- **Community Violence and Trauma Interventions - *SUPPORT*** and ***ADVOCATE*** for funding opportunities to develop and implement strategies from a public health approach to reduce community violence and trauma.
- **Head Start and Early Head Start Funding - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** legislative action that will maintain funding for the Head Start and Early Head Start Grant, Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership Grant (EHS-CCP), and Early Head Start Expansion and Child Care Partnership Grant at or above the FY 2023 levels. ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** legislative action that would incentivize the State of Florida to begin matching the funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Miami-Dade County, which is 20 percent of the total grant awards from the federal government, to match the funding being provided by community stakeholders through the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department. ***ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** the passage, or actions that would assist with the passage, of H.R. 2817 - Child Care for Working Families Act and H.R. 6509 - Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act, or similar legislation.
- **Senior Housing Assistance Program (SHARP) - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** federal funding to further expand the SHARP program to assist larger numbers of elderly homeowners with needed home repairs and rehabilitation services, which include electrical upgrades, HVAC upgrades, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, improved accessibility, roof repairs or replacement, flooring upgrades.
- **Expand Protections for New Arrivals - *SUPPORT*** expanding integration of new arrivals for all migrant communities.

Cultural Affairs Department

- **Federal Funding for the Arts - *SUPPORT*** continued increases in federal funding for the arts, specifically for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Assistance for Arts Education, Creative Arts

Therapies in Veterans Healthcare Networks and Institute for Museum and Library Services. For FY 2024 (pending conference consideration), urge the U.S. House to support the U.S. Senate expansion of NEA and NEH funding to \$207 million (from the currently authorized 2023 levels of \$186.3 million for each). In addition, **SUPPORT** increased funding for the following arts education and other federal programs, including:

- **SUPPORT** the U.S. Department of Education's Assistance to Arts Education program. The House Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee introduced legislation that would cut Title I-A funds by 80 percent and eliminate both the Title II-A professional development block grant and the Arts in Education grant program. The Senate provides modest increases in these programs for FY 2024.
- **SUPPORT** the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants under Title IV, Part A, to support Well-Rounded Education.
- **SUPPORT** the Nita Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21stCCLC) after-school program.
- **SUPPORT** the Institute of Education Science to implement a Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) study in the arts and appropriately fund the arts in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Homeless Trust

- **Funding for Homeless Programs - ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** expanding the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG) programs, including the competitive Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) formula grant program which are the cornerstones of our community's homeless system. In Miami-Dade, ESG grants fund street outreach, emergency shelter, homeless prevention and rapid rehousing (short- to medium-term rental assistance). The CoC Program funds permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, transitional housing for youth, and coordinated entry (outreach). The Homeless Trust **SUPPORTS** efforts to preserve funding from the House and the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) Appropriations subcommittees in the upcoming House-Senate conference.
- **Funding for Section 8 Vouchers - ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** increased federal funding for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers to assist vulnerable populations, including persons experiencing homelessness. Funding is needed to continue to support existing households, and further support the growing number of renter households with very low incomes. Subsidies must keep pace with rental costs in order for vouchers to be effective in making rental housing affordable. (Homeless Trust and Public Housing and Community Development)
- **Increase Compensation for Frontline Workforce - ADVOCATE** for and **SUPPORT** an annual cost of living increase to recruit and retain frontline staff who help house people experiencing homelessness. CoC Program funding currently takes into

account the increasing cost of rent, but not the increasing cost of providing supportive services, including quality frontline staff, which are vital to getting people experiencing homelessness housed. Supportive services line items within HUD-funded projects should increase by the cost-of-living adjustment for the Social Security program. Many homeless services organizations are losing staff to other industries because most frontline homelessness workers are paid barely enough to afford their own rental units. Currently only 22 percent of the overall funding throughout the CoC programs is tied to supportive services costs.

- **Two-Year Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** HUD's award of CoC Program funds every other year, instead of every year. The annual CoC Program Competition process is exhaustive and issuing the CoC Notice of Funding biennially would free up substantial administrative resources at HUD and local CoCs. This provision is included in the Senate bill for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Juvenile Services

- **Justice Assistance Grants Funding - *SUPPORT*** funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("Byrne JAG") program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This federal law enforcement program is beneficial to the County and funding is vital for continued successful service delivery.

Library Department

- **Institute of Museum and Library Science and Department of Education Federal Library Funding - *SUPPORT*** increased appropriations to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and to the Department of Education, both of which provide significant funding for programs such as the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy Programs. The current requested FY 2024 IMLS budget is \$294.8 million, which includes \$211.5 million for LSTA grants and projects nationwide. Over the past several years, Miami-Dade Public Library System has received over \$1 million in IMS funds through the Library Services and Technology Act for projects that include expanding the Homework Help and Tutoring Program, establishing an Adult Learning Academy designed to promote basic adult education (English/Spanish language, high school completion, technology education), and augmenting the maker space YOUMedia Miami to new locations within Miami-Dade County. Additionally, IMLS funding supports the State of Florida, Division of Library and Information Services that also provides direct support to libraries throughout Florida.

Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD)

- **Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Miami Beach Affordable Housing - *SUPPORT*** additional funding to effectively acquire, renovate, preserve, and operate the Miami

Beach Community Development Coalition (MBCDC)'s affordable housing portfolio. The portfolio of 16 affordable housing properties is being transferred to the County because MBCDC could no longer financially maintain these assets due to rising costs and age of the properties. This request is a critical priority because these properties (1) require urgent structural repairs due to deferred maintenance by MBCDC, and (2) serve a vulnerable population of low-income and elderly residents with limited housing options.

- **Flexibility for Public Housing Capital Fund and Other Funds - *SUPPORT*** that any additional funding to the HUD public housing capital fund be made flexible in terms of use with other programs such as the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program that promote redevelopment or repositioning. Flexibility in the use of funds allows a change in the traditional method of funding public housing to one that combines private sector resources with reliable project-based Section 8 contracts with the government.
- **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program - *SUPPORT*** removing 455,000 cap on number of public housing units that can qualify for RAD. *SUPPORT* HUD using RAD to be utilized by Public Housing Authorities that have Capital Fund Financial program debt.
- **Funding for Public Housing and Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) - *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding from HUD for public housing and Section 8 programs. Funding for these programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally funded programs that provide crucial affordable housing and rental subsidies to low-income families. *SUPPORT* allowing HUD to permit PHAs rated "standard" to qualify for Moving to Work (MTW) status with justification to HUD. *SUPPORT* Public Housing Authorities to appeal their operating subsidy per unit month (PUM) if there is a wide variance between the existing per unit month and Contract Rents under RAD.
- **Prevent Re-federalizing of Central Office Cost Center (COCC) Fees and Funds - *OPPOSE*** HUD re-federalizing of the COCC. HUD regulations permit COCC funds to be defederalized, permitting flexibility in use of these funds for affordable housing. Lacking County funds, PHCD is dependent on COCC funds to address shortfalls in many operational areas, and limits PHCD's ability to leverage funds with the private sector.
- **HUD Assisted Housing for Specific Disabilities and Elderly - *SUPPORT*** allowing for the designation of HUD assisted housing for specific disabilities and for the elderly, especially given Miami-Dade County's large population of elderly.
- **Annual Contributions Contract - *OPPOSE*** HUD transforming the Annual Contributions Contract from a "contract" to a one-sided grant agreement. The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities and Public Housing Authorities Directors Association also oppose this measure.

- **Increase Funding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program - *ADVOCATE*** for increased federal funding for the HUD CDBG program and continued funding for the HOME program.
- **Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program - *ADVOCATE*** for increased funding for the grant program beyond the \$10 million appropriated by Congress. The current amount is significantly inadequate to accommodate all potential emergency and security needs for public housing authorities across the country.

Policy Area: Public Safety

Department of Emergency Management (DEM)

- **Emergency Management Performance Assistance (EMPA) - *SUPPORT*** efforts to provide funding towards the annually recurring Florida EMPA program to further enhance emergency planning, response, mitigation, and recovery in the County.
- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) - *SUPPORT*** efforts to provide funding towards the annually recurring FEMA's EMPG program which provides funding assistance to states for eligible emergency management costs. The grant aims to support the implementation of the National Preparedness System and works towards the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.
- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program - *SUPPORT*** efforts to provide funding towards the EOC grant program, which is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located, and fully interoperable EOCs with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the state and local levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - *SUPPORT*** efforts to provide funding towards FEMA's HMGP which provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. This grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster.
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA) - *SUPPORT*** efforts to provide funding towards the FMA grant program which provides funding to states, federally recognized Tribal governments, U.S. territories, and local governments. Since the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 was signed into law, funds are used for projects that

reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.

- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) - *SUPPORT*** the provision federal funds to state, local, tribal and territorial governments to plan for and implement sustainable cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters. The program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act.
- **Emergency Management Baseline Assessment Grant Program (EMBAG) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the EMBAG program which provides non-disaster funding to support developing, maintaining, and revising voluntary national-level standards and peer-review assessment processes for emergency management and using these standards and processes to assess state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management programs and professionals.
- **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the HSGP which includes a suite of risk-based grants to assist state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, responding to and recovering from acts of terrorism and other threats. This program is comprised of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG):
 - ***SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the SHSP which provides funding to support the implementation of risk-driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets.
 - ***SUPPORT*** the UASI which provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas.
 - ***SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the OPSG which provides funding to enhance cooperation and coordination among state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal law enforcement agencies to jointly enhance security along the United States land and water borders.
- **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the NSGP which provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack.
- **Shelter and Services Program (SSP) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the SSP which provides funds to non-federal entities that provide sheltering and other eligible services to noncitizen migrants who have been encountered by the Department of Homeland Security and released from custody while awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings.
- **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program which provides funding to

eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments.

- **Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the THSGP which plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustaining and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.
- **Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSG) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the IBSG which helps protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of transit infrastructure.
- **Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards the AFG which has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
- **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) - *SUPPORT*** continued funding towards SAFER grants which fund fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations directly to help them increase capacity in their communities.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR)

- **Funding from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for Wildfire Risk Reduction - *SUPPORT*** funding from the \$4.6 billion appropriated for wildfire risk reduction to provide MDRF with technology and infrastructure updates, assistance for telecommunications systems, establishment of a pilot program to provide local governments funding for slip-on tanker units to quickly convert vehicles to fire engines and other federal and state grants. Miami-Dade County is surrounded by flammable natural areas, and there are various areas across the County protected as Environmentally Endangered Lands. As reported in the County's Local Mitigation Strategy, there have been 13 major wildfires recorded between 1950 and 2017 with a 20 percent chance of a wildfire occurring every year. The possibility of local wildfires and injuries associated with lightning are a considerable threat due to the amount of rural acreage, warm dry climate, and regularity of thunderstorms.
- **Reinstate Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team within the United States Agency of International Development (USAID) Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) - *ADVOCATE* for and *SUPPORT*** the County's 2024 application for reinstatement as an international response search and rescue task force within the USAID OFDA. MDRF's Team was designated as Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1) for OFDA from 1985 to 2004. During this time, the Task Force

responded to more than 40 major incidents around the world. MDFR's 2020 and 2008 applications were denied.

- **Funding for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (USAR) Teams - *ADVOCATE*** for and ***SUPPORT*** full funding of the 28 USAR Task Forces which comprise the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System under Department Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency. This 6,000-member ready reserve, maintained by local fire rescue agencies across the country provides search and rescue support nationwide. Funding for these task forces at the required level would ensure that teams are properly equipped and ready to respond when needed. Currently, Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1), sponsored by MDFR has a funding shortfall of approximately \$4 million annually.
- **Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) / Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1) Warehouse - *SUPPORT*** funding (\$1 million) for Florida Task Force One (FL-TF1) to ready infrastructure conveyed by and through the Surplus Federal Real Property Public Benefit Conveyance Program for the construction of a new fire-rescue station to meet the emergency response needs of the growing communities in southern Miami-Dade County, as well as a logistics warehouse and training facility.
- **MDFR Headquarters Retrofit - *SUPPORT*** funding (\$1 million) to enhance mitigation efforts at the R. David Paulison Fire Rescue Headquarters building which houses MDFR, the Miami-Dade County Regional Fire Communications Center, the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and the Southeast Florida Regional Fusion Center. The MDFR Headquarters building is a critical facility that functions as the central location for emergency response during storms and all large-scale disasters and requires retrofitting to ensure the structure remains operational to sustain emergency response and recovery efforts.

Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD)

- **Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act (House Resolution (H.R.) 4639) - *OPPOSE*** enactment of H.R. 4639, H.R. 6570, or similar legislation that would prohibit law enforcement from purchasing personal information about customers or subscribers of electronic and remote computing service providers (such as social media, cell phone, email, etc.) from a third party. Acquiring these records from a third party helps law enforcement expeditiously determine what may and may not be relevant to an investigation and can serve as the building blocks of probable cause, which is used to obtain a warrant where appropriate as the investigation progresses. This data also helps law enforcement analyze trends, patterns, and correlations; link criminal networks; and allocate investigative resources efficiently to target efforts where they are needed most.
- **Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act of 2023 (House Resolution (H.R.) 1525) - *OPPOSE*** enactment of H.R. 1525 or similar legislation. Asset forfeiture is a crucial tool that helps deter crime by allowing law enforcement to deprive criminals

of proceeds of their illegal activity, making it harder to further their illicit business. H.R. 1525 includes several provisions that will make it significantly more challenging for law enforcement to utilize civil asset forfeiture. The changes included in the FAIR Act will be detrimental to law enforcement's efforts to address the threat posed by drug cartels, criminal gangs, organized crime, human traffickers, fraudsters, cybercriminals, and other malicious actors. H.R. 1525 would also eliminate the equitable sharing program, which provides state and local law enforcement agencies with a means to participate in joint task forces, purchase equipment (including officer safety equipment), conduct training, upgrade technology, and support jail-based rehabilitation, community-based programs, and engagement.

- **Justice Assistance Grants Funding - *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("Byrne JAG") program by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). There are proposed cuts to this vital federal law enforcement program that would be detrimental to Miami-Dade County.
- **Forensic Science Grant Programs at U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) - *ADVOCATE*** for full funding of the Forensic Science Grant Programs by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and BJA. The grant programs, in priority order, include: (1) Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program (Formula and Competitive); (2) DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program; (3) Forensic DNA Laboratory Efficiency Improvement and Capacity Enhancement Program; and (4) National Institute of Justice Research Grants.
- **Victims of Crime Funding at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime - *ADVOCATE*** for an increase in funding that supports programs and services focused on helping victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime, as well as continued support while they rebuild their lives.

RESOLUTION NO. PHT 10/2023 - 058

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR INCLUSION IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED 2024 FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Carlos A. Migoya, President & Chief Executive Officer, Jackson Health System

WHEREAS, the Public Health Trust (the "Trust") recognizes the need to establish its Federal and State legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption, the Trust is required to submit its Federal and State legislative priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2024 Federal and State Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, the list of the Trust's Federal and State Legislative Priorities is attached hereto and made a part hereof and requires approval of the Public Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached priorities and of submission thereof to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the Public Health Trust's 2024 Federal and State Legislative Priorities, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and declares it to be an official action of the Public Health Trust, and provided further that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is directed to submit the 2024 Federal and State Legislative Priorities to Miami-Dade County, through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, for inclusion in the County's Proposed 2024 Federal and State Legislative Package.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Matthew J. Allen and the motion was seconded by Antonio L. Argiz as follows:

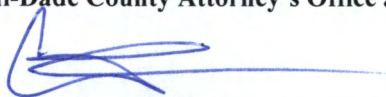
Matthew J. Allen	Aye
Antonio L. Argiz	Aye
Amadeo Lopez-Castro, III	Aye
Laurie Weiss Nuell	Aye
Walter T. Richardson	Aye
Carmen M. Sabater	Aye
Alexis Calatayud	Aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution as duly passed and adopted this 25th Day of October, 2023

PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
Laurie Weiss Nuell, Secretary

Approved by the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office as to form

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TO: Walter T. Richardson, Chairman
and Members, Public Health Trust Board of Trustees

FROM: Carlos A. Migoya
President & Chief Executive Officer, Jackson Health System

DATE: October 25, 2023

RE: 2024 Federal & State Legislative Priorities

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Public Health Trust Board of Trustees approve the 2024 Federal & State Legislative Priorities.

Scope

The legislative priorities encompass the major issues likely to impact Jackson Health System during the 2024 session of the Florida Legislature and during ongoing legislative and regulatory activity in Washington, DC. The priorities will be incorporated into Miami-Dade County's proposed 2024 Federal & State Legislative Package.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to setting the Trust's legislative priorities. Policy and funding changes made by the Legislature in reflection of these priorities can have a significant impact on the health system.

Track Record/Monitor

Chief of Staff to the President & CEO and Vice President of Government Relations Esther Caravia will monitor the advancement of these priorities throughout the year.

Background

The 2024 Federal & State Legislative Priorities are being presented to the Strategy and Growth Committee for approval, followed by final Board approval and inclusion in the Miami-Dade County Proposed 2024 Federal & State Legislative Package.

The specific priorities recommended for 2024 are attached.

2024 Legislative Priorities

FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Defend any changes to the Federal 340B drug discount program that would limit hospital and patient eligibility.
- Monitor and oppose any proposed rules that could have a detrimental impact on the organization.
- Advocate for initiatives that help strengthen the healthcare workforce.

STATE PRIORITIES

- Protect against further cuts in state-appropriated funding.
- Maximize federal supplemental funding.
- Advocate to increase the state's investment in Graduate Medical Education.
- Advocate for change to address the growing mental health crisis.
- Identify and address any vulnerabilities relating to emergency preparedness.
- Maintain tort reform and sovereign immunity laws in their current form.
- Monitor hospital licensure standards.
- Advocate for measures aimed at growing and strengthening Florida's healthcare workforce.