

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

DATE: March 4, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding to facilitate the
Miami-Dade County
Homeless Trust's acquisition
and renovation of a property
to house families with minor
children

Resolution No. R-255-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



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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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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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3-4-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-255-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO FACILITATE THE MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST’S ACQUISITION AND
RENOVATION OF A PROPERTY TO HOUSE FAMILIES WITH
MINOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue in Miami-Dade County (the “County”) that has been exacerbated by the ongoing housing crisis and the rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, family homelessness in particular is now a major challenge, as family homelessness in the United States rose dramatically from 2022 to 2023, and families now represent more than 28 percent of the country’s homeless population, according to a 2024 report from the National Alliance to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a \$5,000,000.00 grant from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund; and

WHEREAS, with its one-time Day 1 Families Fund grant, the Homeless Trust will work to reverse this national trend by serving families experiencing homelessness throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, \$1,500,000.00 of the grant award from the Day 1 Families Fund has been earmarked for the Homeless Trust to acquire and renovate a property to house families with minor children; and

WHEREAS, this project is a prime candidate for State funding to match the grant award from the Day 1 Families Fund given the seriousness of the issue, the prevalence of homelessness in the State, and the excellent use of the funds to tackle this critical challenge; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available avenues to fund this critical effort and to house and serve families experiencing homelessness,

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 to facilitate the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust's acquisition and renovation of a property to house families with minor children.

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, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade 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 2025 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Marleine Bastien. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of March, 2025. 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 cursive script, appearing to read "CJF", is written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes