

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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 United States Congress to appropriate \$41,330,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2025 federal Community Project Funding or Congressionally Directed Spending for Miami-Dade County and municipalities within the County

Resolution No. R-258-25

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


Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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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-258-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
TO APPROPRIATE \$41,330,000.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025
FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING OR
CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FOR MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE
COUNTY

WHEREAS, Community Project Funding or Congressionally Directed Spending, more often referred to as federal earmarks, are federal funds requested by members of Congress that directly fund specific projects in those members' districts; and

WHEREAS, federal earmarks support a wide range of projects aimed at enhancing infrastructure, services, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024, Congress appropriated \$86,534,899.50 in federal earmarks to Miami-Dade County and municipalities within the County to fund road improvements, stormwater management initiatives, youth development, and various other projects; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2025, members of Congress representing districts in Miami-Dade County requested \$66,395,461.00 in federal earmarks; and

WHEREAS, of those requests, the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations approved \$41,330,000.00 in funding for projects within the County; and

WHEREAS, for new federal earmarks to be appropriated, however, Congress must include them in a final annual appropriations bill; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2024, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution, titled the "American Relief Act, 2025," that temporarily extended discretionary spending until March 14, 2025, but did not include funding for new federal earmarks; and

WHEREAS, Congress has yet to pass appropriations bills that include federal earmarks for Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the importance of receiving federal earmarks to address the County's pressing infrastructure and development priorities; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County values its strong partnership with the federal government and appreciates its continued support in securing federal earmarks that directly benefit our residents by enhancing infrastructure, services, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this Board therefore wishes to urge the United States Congress to appropriate the \$41,330,000.00 in federal earmarks approved by the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025 for Miami-Dade County and municipalities within the County,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to appropriate \$41,330,000.00 in federal earmarks for Fiscal Year 2025 for Miami-Dade County and municipalities within the County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2025 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. 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.

Laura A. Figueroa
Michael J. Mastrucci