

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

DATE: March 18, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to appropriate
funding for resilience
projects in Miami-Dade
County pursuant to the
State's Resilient Florida
Grant Program, including
projects in areas particularly
susceptible to flooding such
as the Snake Creek Canal C-9
Basin, the Miami River Canal
C-6 Basin, and the Little
River Canal C-7 Basin

Resolution No. R-295-25

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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RESOLUTION NO. R-295-25

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR RESILIENCE PROJECTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE STATE'S RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING PROJECTS IN AREAS PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO FLOODING SUCH AS THE SNAKE CREEK CANAL C-9 BASIN, THE MIAMI RIVER CANAL C-6 BASIN, AND THE LITTLE RIVER CANAL C-7 BASIN

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County (the "County") faces unique resilience challenges as a result of risks posed by changing temperatures and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, tropical storms and hurricanes have become more intense over the past decades; and

WHEREAS, cities, roads, railways, ports, and water supplies in Florida, and particularly in Miami-Dade County, are vulnerable to the impacts of storms and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, even if storm intensity does not increase, coastal homes and infrastructure may flood more often because storm surges could become higher as sea levels continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, flooded streets present a public safety issue as well as a general decrease in the quality of life of County residents due to greater traffic or property damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Florida Legislature established the "Resilient Florida" program to tackle the challenges posed by sea level rise, intensifying storm events, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the State, pursuant to the Resilient Florida program, awards grants for projects carried out by local governments that address the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the County has already received millions of dollars in prior fiscal years from the State for Resilient Florida projects; and

WHEREAS, some of the Resilient Florida projects the County is currently applying for, or has recently applied for, can ameliorate flooding and improve stormwater drainage in portions of the County particularly susceptible to inundation, such as the Snake Creek Canal C-9 Basin, the Miami River Canal C-6 Basin, and the Little River Canal C-7 Basin; and

WHEREAS, substantial resources are needed to address and implement steps to fight the impact of sea level rise on Florida in general, and South Florida in particular; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to pursue all available avenues to fund these critical projects and create a climate resilient Miami-Dade,

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 resilience projects in Miami-Dade County pursuant to the State's Resilient Florida grant program, including projects in areas particularly susceptible to flooding such as the Snake Creek Canal C-9 Basin, the Miami River Canal C-6 Basin, and the Little River Canal C-7 Basin.

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 remaining 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 **Roberto J. Gonzalez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** 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	absent	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th 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.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes