

Date: May 20, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

Resolution No. R-494-25

Subject: Request for Additional Expenditure Authority to Prequalification Pool for Plant Material and Tree Services

Summary

This item is for additional expenditure authority for the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces department (PROS) to purchase a wide range of essential plant materials such as trees, shrubs, ground covers, sod, seeds, and cuttings, and related tree services, including safety trimming and pruning, the installation and removal of such materials, via spot market competition. This pool is used by multiple departments, but PROS is the largest user.

PROS requires additional expenditure authority to support safety-to-life related tree trimming and hazardous tree removal services along rights-of-way and in parks, as well as critical tree maintenance activities to sustain the County's tree assets and landscapes. Additionally, the funds will support tree planting projects focused on incorporating native and Florida-friendly trees in parks and along roadways, throughout the two-year remaining term of this pool term. The funding sources breakdown is as follows: 70% (\$16.65 million) will come from mitigation contributions received pursuant to conditions specified in tree removal permits and allocated to the Tree Trust Fund, and Grant Funds, and 30% (\$7.35 million) by the General Fund to continue hurricane season preparedness, safety-to-life pruning along rights-of-way and parks, and landscape maintenance. This request is aligned with the Board of County Commissioners (Board) requested Urban Forestry Plan proposal, which aims to maintain the urban forest, prioritize replacing invasive and hazardous trees with native "right tree, right place" trees, and increase tree canopy by 30%. Under the WISE305 initiative, this item was carefully scrutinized to ensure that the request is only for the purchase of essential plant materials and to provide critical tree services required for safety and hurricane readiness.

PROS's allocation has been impacted and prematurely depleted due to the higher than anticipated rate of increases in labor and material costs. Additionally, PROS received grant funds, including one for \$10,000,000 (no match required), which has resulted in more projects and increased spending beyond what was anticipated at the time the pool was established in 2022.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize additional expenditure authority in the amount of \$24,000,000 for *Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-02029, Plant Material and Tree Services*, for PROS.

Background

This pool was established by the Board on April 5, 2022, through Resolution No. R-311-22 for a five-year term with an allocation of \$27,828,000 for multiple County departments. The pool was subsequently modified under both delegated authority and by the Board via Resolution No. R-113-24 and has a current value of \$42,408,300. The pool is used by multiple departments to issue solicitations and solicit quotes from vendors who are prequalified for any of six groups as follows: 1) Furnish Plant Material; 2) Furnish and Install Plant Material; 3) Tree Services (with Arborist); 4) Tree Services (without Arborist); 5) Disposal Services of Solid Waste; and 6) Disposal Services of Plant Debris.

PROS is requesting additional allocation to continue to purchase, through spot market competitions, trees, plant materials, and tree services, including safety trimming and pruning in parks and along rights-of-ways, in support of the Urban Forestry Plan and the NEAT Streets Miami-Dade Program.

Highlights of projects funded by the Tree Trust Fund and Grant Funds include:

- \$5.2 Million for the USDA Grant, Urban and Community Forestry Expansion Project. (no match required)
- \$4.8 Million for the Street Tree Beautification Program, for tree planting countywide (no match required).
- \$1.96 Million for tree planting efforts funded by private grants, partnerships, donations, etc.
- \$1 Million for tree planting projects in UMSA utilizing the Tree Trust Fund.

Highlights of projects funded by General Fund include:

- \$750K for safety tree trimming services along high liability roadways, in parks and other public spaces.
- \$540K for hazardous tree removal services along the County right-of-way.
- \$2.4 Million for annual hurricane structural pruning and tree maintenance services to County assets both in parks and along rights-of-way.

The estimated amount for these projects are based on current and anticipated funding to support the work, market research, historical prices, and the quantity of materials required to meet established goals per grant requirements or agreements.

Scope

The impact of this item is countywide in nature.

Delegated Authority

There is no additional delegation of authority sought in this item as the authority to solicit pricing and award contracts up to an aggregate amount of the allocation authorized by the Board, exercise all provisions of the solicitation documents and any resulting contracts pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38, and add vendors to the pool at any time, subject to ratification by the Board on a bi-annual basis, was granted when the pool was established. Any contract award under the prequalification pool exceeding \$5,000,000 is subject to ratification by the Board.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The pool expires on May 31, 2027, and has an existing cumulative allocation of \$42,408,300. If this request is approved, the pool will have a modified cumulative allocation of \$66,408,300. The requested increase in expenditure authority is based on PROS' estimated operational needs for the remainder of the pool's term, including the requirements to support new projects that were not anticipated at the time of pool establishment, specifically under the NEAT Streets Miami Program. The funding sources breakdown is as follows: 70% (\$16.65 million) will be funded by the Tree Trust Fund and Grant Funds, and 30% (\$7.35 million) will be funded by the General Fund.

Department	Existing Cumulative Allocation	Additional Allocation Requested	Modified Cumulative Allocation	Funding Source	Pool Manager
PROS	\$18,850,000	\$24,000,000	\$42,850,000	Tree Trust Fund / Grant Funds / General Fund	Bernie Rodriguez

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Multiple	\$23,558,300	\$0	\$23,558,300	Multiple	
Total	\$42,408,300	\$24,000,000	\$66,408,300		

Track Record/Monitor

Manuel Jimenez of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager.

Prequalified Vendors

Currently, there are 32 active prequalified vendors under the pool, of which 30 are local, including 20 certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms. Refer to the Attachment.

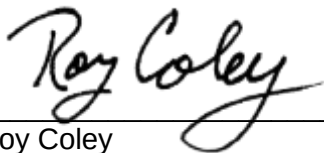
Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine vendor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance and compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet search. The lists referenced include convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to vendor responsibility.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies where permitted by funding source.
- SBE measures will be determined prior to advertising each spot market competition. Local Preference will be applied at the time of spot market competition where permitted by funding source.
- The Living Wage Ordinance applies to Groups 2 through 6.

Attachment



Roy Coley
Chief Utilities and Regulatory Services Officer

Attachment – Prequalified Vendors
RTQ-02029, Plant Material and Tree Services

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal	Prequalified Group(s)
A Native Tree Service, Inc. (SBE)	15733 SW 117 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Jason Rivera	3 and 4
Able Business Services, Inc. (DBE)	1234 NW 79 Street Miami, FL	Same	William L. Berry	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
Action Sales, LLC dba Action Sod & Landscape Gardens	5700 SW 123 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Barbara Lopez	2
Aeration Technology, Inc.	4231 Pine Ridge Road Naples, FL	None	Stephen Shea	2
Arazoza Brothers Corporation	7027 SW 87 Court Miami, FL	Same	Alberto Arazoza	1, 2, 3, and 4
Ballpark Maintenance, Inc.	8836 SW 131 Street Miami, FL	Same	Kevin C. Hardy	1 and 2
Bulfrano H Landscaping, LLC (SBE)	11465 SW 43 Lane Miami, FL	Same	Vanessa Nava Gonzalez	1, 2, and 4
Coco Tree Service Corp. (SBE)	3201 NW 24 Street Road Suite 211 Miami, FL	Same	Josue Emmanuel Alvarado	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
Consolidated Resource Recovery, Inc.	3025 Whitfield Avenue Sarasota, FL	None	William D. Vaughn	4
Crodon, Inc. (SBE)	11767 S. Dixie Highway Suite 429 Miami, FL	Same	Mark P. Donnelly	1, 2, 3, 4, and 6
Daysi Ynigo Landscaping & Lawn Service, LLC	20280 SW 190 Street Miami, FL	Same	Daysi Inigo	2, 3, 4, and 6
DisTREEbutors, Inc. (SBE)	13850 SW 197 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Marcos A. Urra	1, 2, 3, and 4
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.	10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL	Same	Bruce W. Greer	1
Foliage Xpress, Inc. (SBE)	16351 SW 216 Street Miami, FL	Same	Daryl Mund	1
Ginley Lawn Service & Landscaping, Inc. (SBE)	13422 SW 128 Street Miami, FL	Same	Ginley L. Sardinas	1, 2, 3, and 4
Green Wise Group, LLC	18430 SW 224 Street Miami, FL	Same	Eugene J. Sherwood	3, and 4
Ground Effects, Inc. (SBE)	8241 NW 170 Terrace Miami, FL	Same	Luis Valdes	1, 2, 3, and 4
Jireh Landscaping Corp. (ACDBE, DBE, SBE)	15010 Jackson Street Miami, FL	Same	Romy Ramirez	1, 2, 3, and 4
King Green All Purpose Landscaping, LLC	17621 SW 107 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Ervin Slaton-Lawrence, Sr.	2, 3, and 4
Lawn Keepers of South Florida, Inc. (SBE)	21550 SW 184 Place Miami, FL	Same	David Borrego	1, 2, 3, and 4
LDG Services, Inc. (SBE)	21150 SW 232 Street Miami, FL	Same	David C. Gathings	1, 2, and 4

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Mix'd Greens, Inc. (SBE)	28905 SW 162 Avenue Homestead, FL	Same	Michael J. Gnaegy	1, 2, 3, and 4
Nama Projects Inc. dba Nama Native Landscape (SBE)	1630 SW 17 Terrace Miami, FL	Same	Mauricio Gonzalez	1, 2, 3, and 4
SFM Services, Inc.	7500 NW 74 Avenue Medley, FL	Same	Christian H. Infante	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
Sunset Sod, Inc. (SBE)	13100 SW 124 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Kathleen Hernandez	1 and 2
The Bannerman Group, Inc. (DBE, SBE)	6600 NW 27 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Andrey D. Bannerman	1 and 2
Thomas Maintenance Services, Inc. (SBE)	16391 SW 248 Street Homestead, FL	Same	Mary K. Thomas	1, 2, 3, and 4
Treesources, LLC (SBE)	2360 Overbrook Street Miami, FL	Same	Ian B. Wogan	1, 2, 3, and 4
Trimscape Corp.	19525 SW 272 Street Homestead, FL	Same	Patrick B. Deery, Jr.	1, 2, 3, and 4
Tropical Falls, Inc. (SBE)	29975 SW 208 Avenue Homestead, FL	Same	David Bryan	2, 3, and 4
VisualScape, Inc. (SBE)	17801 NW 137 Avenue Miami, FL	Same	Ivan Carlos Vila	2
Weed-A-Way, Inc. (SBE)	2527 NW 95 Street Miami, FL	Same	Monday Okotogbo	3, 4, 5, and 6

Memorandum



Date: April 23, 2025

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

From: Maria I. Nardi, Director *MN*
Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

Subject: Request to Process Late Departmental Agenda Item

I am requesting that the following item be processed for agenda placement on the May Committee Cycle:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO \$24,000,000.00 FOR A TOTAL MODIFIED POOL AMOUNT OF \$66,408,300.00 FOR PREQUALIFICATION POOL NO. RTQ-02029 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANT MATERIAL AND TREE SERVICES FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDED THAT ANY CONTRACT AWARD UNDER THE POOL EXCEEDING \$5,000,000.00 IS RATIFIED BY THE BOARD

Although submitted to the Agenda Coordination Office after the noticed deadline, this item is time-sensitive and critical to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) to support safety-to-life related tree trimming and hazardous tree removal services along rights-of-way and in parks, as well as critical tree maintenance activities to sustain the County's tree assets and landscapes. The funding will also support Florida-friendly tree planting initiatives in parks and along roadways during the remaining two years of this pool term. The funding sources breakdown is as follows: 70% (\$16.65 million) will come from mitigation contributions associated with tree removal permits and allocated to the Tree Trust Fund, Grant Funds, and 30% (\$7.35 million) will come from the General Fund to continue hurricane preparedness, safety-related tree work, and landscape maintenance. This request aligns with the Board of County Commissioners' requested Urban Forestry Plan proposal, which aims to expand canopy coverage by 30%, replace invasive trees with native species, and protect the County's urban forest. As part of the WISE305 initiative, this request has been carefully evaluated to ensure that funding is directed solely toward essential plant materials and tree services required for safety and hurricane readiness. Without this authority, active contracts may be prematurely terminated, disrupting critical services in our parks, rights-of-way, and other County properties. To address these urgent concerns, placement of this item on the May Committee Cycle is requested to ensure continuity of services for the remainder of the pool's term.

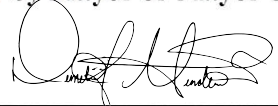
Therefore, please process the item notwithstanding that the 3-day rule may be applicable to it. I am aware that this item is subject to approval for placement on the agenda by the appropriate committee chairperson as well as the BCC Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee

Roy Coley

Print Name



Approved by Legislative Director or Designee

Demetria Henderson

Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
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Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: May 20, 2025

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

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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UNDER THE POOL EXCEEDING \$5,000,000.00 IS RATIFIED
BY THE BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves additional expenditure authority up to \$24,000,000.00 for a total modified pool amount of \$66,408,300.00 for Prequalification Pool No. RTQ-02029 for the purchase of Plant Material and Tree Services for the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department; provided that any contract award under the pool exceeding \$5,000,000.00 is ratified by the Board. A copy of the pool documents is on file with and available upon request from the Strategic Procurement Department.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Micky Steinberg** 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
Sen. René García	absent	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of May, 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.

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Melanie J. Spencer