

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(E)(1)

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

DATE: November 4, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution retroactively approving and authorizing the County Mayor's acceptance and expenditure of sustainment grant funds in the amount of \$392,500.00 awarded by the Florida Department of Financial Services Division of the State Fire Marshal to Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, for the statewide Urban Search & Rescue Team and Hazardous Materials Teams; authorizing execution of sustainment grant agreements; authorizing the County Mayor to accept and expend additional funding if such funding becomes available through the sustainment grant program, for the purposes described herein, for a five-year period; and authorizing the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents and amendments and to exercise the provisions contained in the sustainment grant agreement

Resolution No. R-1058-25

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Fire Rescue Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: November 4, 2025

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Retroactively Authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's Designee to Accept and Expend Sustainment Grant Funds in the Amount of \$392,500.00 Awarded by the Florida Department of Financial Service, Division of the State Fire Marshal to Miami-Dade County through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

Summary

This item seeks retroactive approval and authorization to accept and expend sustainment grant funds in the amount of \$392,500.00 awarded by the Florida Department of Financial Service (FDFS), Division of the State Fire Marshal (DSFM) to Miami-Dade County (MDC) through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) allocated to the statewide Urban Search and Rescue Teams and Hazardous Materials Teams. These funds were made available pursuant to 2025 Florida Legislature appropriated funds and Miami-Dade County is an Urban Search & Rescue and Hazmat Team sponsor. MDFR is also requesting authority to accept and expend additional funds for the next five fiscal years if such funding becomes available through the sustainment grant program. The sustainment agreement will strengthen MDC's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) retroactively approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Mayor's or Mayor's designee acceptance and expenditure of sustainment grant funds in the amount of \$392,500.00 awarded by the FDFS, DSFM to MDC through MDFR for the statewide Urban Search and Rescue Teams and Hazardous Materials Teams. It is further recommended that the County Mayor, or County Mayor's designee be further authorized to accept and expend additional funding through the next five fiscal years if such funding becomes available through said sustainment grant program for the same purposes. The sustainment grant has a time constraint, requiring that grant funds be spent within each fiscal year. Additionally, it is recommended that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee be authorized to execute all necessary documents and amendments to sustainment grant agreements, provided that any such amendments do not alter the purpose of the agreement.

Scope

The services provided with these grant funds will be countywide.

Delegation of Authority

In addition to retroactively authorizing the County Mayor's or County Mayor designee acceptance and expenditure in the amount of \$392,500.00 in sustainment grant funds allocated to the statewide Urban Search and Rescue Teams and the Hazardous Materials Teams, this item also authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to accept and expend additional sustainment grant funding if such funding becomes available from the Division of the State Fire Marshal annually for a five-year period through fiscal year 2029-2030. This item also authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute all necessary documents and amendments to the sustainment grant agreements as well as to exercise the provisions contained in such agreements, provided that any amendments are for the purposes described herein and have been approved by the County Attorney's Office for form and legal sufficiency.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The sustainment agreements are funded by 2025 Florida Legislature, appropriated funds to DSFM within FDFS.

Track Record/Monitor

The agreements will be tracked and monitored by the MDFR Grants Management Bureau.

Background

In 2025, the Florida Division of the State Fire Marshal within the Florida Department of Financial Services appropriated funds from the 2025 Florida Legislature to support and sustain the statewide Urban Search & Rescue and Hazardous Materials Teams. As a US&R and Hazmat Team sponsor, MDFR was identified to receive grant funds for US&R Sustainment in the amount of \$337,500 and Hazmat Sustainment in the amount of \$55,000, with a June 30, 2026, deadline. The sustainment items purchased through this grant funding will strengthen MDC's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. The sustainment grant has a time constraint, requiring that grant funds be spent within each fiscal year. As a result, MDFR is requesting the option to renew this resolution upon award over the next five years.



James Reyes
Chief of Public Safety



MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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

DATE: November 4, 2025

FROM: 
Gen 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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11-4-25

RESOLUTION NO. R-1058-25

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR DESIGNEE'S ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF SUSTAINMENT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$392,500.00 AWARDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE STATEWIDE URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAMS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUSTAINMENT GRANT AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IF SUCH FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SUSTAINMENT GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED HEREIN, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE SUSTAINMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

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:

Section 1. Incorporates and approves the foregoing recital, as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Retroactively approves and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's acceptance and expenditure of sustainment grant funds in the amount of \$392,500.00 awarded by the Florida Department of Financial Services Division of the State Fire Marshal to Miami-Dade County, through the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department ("MDFR"),

for the statewide Urban Search & Rescue Team and Hazardous Materials Teams. The sustainment grant agreement will strengthen Miami-Dade County's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Section 3. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's execution of the sustainment grant agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, as well as all necessary documents and amendments thereto, provided that any such amendments do not alter the purpose of the agreement.

Section 4. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to accept and expend additional sustainment grant funding if such funding becomes available from the Florida Department of Financial Services Division of the State Fire Marshal, for the purposes described herein, for a five-year period through fiscal year 2029-2030. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is authorized to execute all necessary documents and amendments to effectuate future sustainment grant agreements as well as exercise the provisions contained in the sustainment grant agreements following review and approval of such agreements and documents for form and legal sufficiency by the County Attorney's Office.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Natalie Milian Orbis** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	absent		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
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 4th day of November, 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 black ink, appearing to be "JZ", written over a horizontal line.

Javier Zapata



DIVISION OF
STATE FIRE MARSHAL
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES



August 8, 2025

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Miami Dade County Fire Rescue
Chief Raied Jadallah
Ray.jadallah@miamidade.gov

Re: State Funded FL-TF1 – HM7A Sustainemnt

To Chief Jadallah,

As the Director of the Division of State Fire Marshal within the Florida Department of Financial Services, it is my privilege to inform you that the 2025 Florida Legislature appropriated funds to support and sustain the statewide Urban Search & Rescue, Hazardous Materials and Mutual Aid Radio Communications teams.

As a US&R and Hazmat Team sponsor Miami Dade County Fire Rescue has been identified to receive the following grant funds:

- US&R Sustainment \$337,500
- Hazmat Sustainment \$55,000

To confirm your acceptance please complete the Confirmation Form on the following page and return to Ms. Jada Childs at jada.childs@myfloridacfo.com. Once confirmed a contract manager will reach out to you with grant contract documents and a list of eligible purchases. The grant comes in the form of reimbursement of funds for eligible items. Do not expend any local funds towards the purchases of equipment or goods until the final grant documents are finalized and executed by both parties.

Please note, the defined performance period for the grant ends on June 30, 2026.

Congratulations, I look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

JoAnne E. Rice, Director
Division of State Fire Marshal

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

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DIVISION OF
STATE FIRE MARSHAL
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

State Funded FL-TF1 Sustainment
CONFIRMATION FORM

Contact Information

Grantee:	Miami-Dade County <i>(The Grantee name MUST be the name registered with the Department of State and MyFloridaMarketplace, commonly known as MFMP)</i>
Federal ID # (FEIN):	59-6000573
Mailing Address:	9300 NW 41 Street
City, State, Zip:	Doral, FL 33178
Physical Address:	9300 NW 41 Street
City, State, Zip:	Doral, FL 33178

Financial Administrator

Name:	Erika Cardenas (for USAR)
Title:	Administrative Officer III
Phone:	786-331-4479
Email:	erika.cardenas@miamidade.gov

Contract Manager

Name:	Katrina Hollis-Baker
Title:	Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Grants Bureau Manager
Phone:	786-331-4478
Email:	katrina.hollis-baker@miamidade.gov

All email and phone communications will be directed to the Point of Contact (POC). Please list POC here:

Name:	James Reyes
Title:	Chief of Public Safety
Phone:	305-375-5141
Email:	james.reyes@miamidade.gov



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Financial Administrator

Name:	Gricel Acosta (for Hazmat)
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Email:	gricel.acosta@miamidade.gov

Contract Manager

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