



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**  
**FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM (FY 2011)**  
**SECOND HALF - 111<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

1. **NAME OF DEPARTMENT**  
Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department (MDPR)
  
2. **DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBER(S), & E-MAIL ADDRESS**  
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3. **PROJECT NAME**  
Tropical Equestrian Center
  
4. **BACKGROUND** Tropical Park Equestrian center serves a public purpose as an Agriculture Education and Promotion facility. At the present time the facility has 1 covered arena, 1 outdoor show ring, 1 outdoor warm up ring, 2 grass rings & 6 barns with 281 stalls. Currently 8 groups use the facility throughout the year: Florida Paso Fino Association, Peruvian Paso Fino Association, Miami Paso Fino Grand Prix, Western Horse Association, Heritage Horse Show, UM Horse Show, Agility Dog Show and the Miami Dog Club.
  
5. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT** Design & construct a metal roof to cover the existing warm up ring.
  
6. **AMOUNT REQUESTED** \$3,400,000.

- 7. APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION (Please include federal agency of jurisdiction and account)**  
None
- 8. RATIONALE FOR FUNDING PROPOSAL** Facility usage will increase by at least 35 % and the new roof will also guarantee that events, shows, and clinics would go on regardless of inclement weather. It would also allow for 5 corporate picnics yearly.
- 9. ARE GRANT, FORMULA, OR ENTITLEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT, INITIATIVE, OR ACTIVITY?**  
N/A
- 10. INTENDED RECIPIENT(S) OF FUNDING** Miami Dade County Park & Recreation Department (MDPR).
- 11. MATCHING FUNDS** The Miami Dade County Board Of County Commissioners on September 16, 2008 unanimously approved to draft from the GOB in the amount of \$6,500,000. to serve as part of the match. The remainder will come through the market value of Tropical Park at \$57,531,020. and the building value at \$11,363,307. for a sub total of \$75,629,693. \$75,629,693. divided by funding request of \$3,400,000. = 22.24 x 100 = 2.224%.
- 12. HISTORY OF FEDERAL FUNDING (List agency funding and amount funded per year over the last 5 years)** N/A
- 13. HISTORY OF COUNTY FUNDING** \$6,500,000. on September 16, 2008.
- 14. AMOUNT RECOMMENDED IN THIS YEAR'S FEDERAL BUDGET (include agency funding this item)** N/A
- 15. IS THERE A DOCUMENTED NEED FOR THE PROJECT: INCLUDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS OR BCC ACTION?** Yes, the need for covered space at this facility was documented and supported by the Miami Dade

**County Board Of County Commissioners as evidenced by the passing of Resolution # R-962-08 on 9-16-2008.**

**16. WAS THIS PROJECT HEARD BEFORE A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING OR BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (MUNICIPAL, COUNTY OR STATE)? Yes. See response to item # 15 above.**

**17. PRIORITIZE YOUR REQUESTS NUMERICALLY**