

### **MIAMI-DADE RESCUE PLAN**

The American Rescue Plan Act (Act) (ARP) (H.R. 1319) was approved by Congress and signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. The Act, which included fiscal recovery funds for local governments, provided the nation with \$1.9 trillion in financial relief in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are six municipalities within Miami-Dade County that received direct funding assistance from the federal government, which included the cities of Hialeah, Homestead, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens and North Miami. All other municipal funding was provided by the State of Florida for a total of approximately \$510 million in relief assistance. In addition, Miami-Dade County was allocated \$527 million from the Department of Treasury's American Rescue Plan, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) for general governmental services.

CSLFRF funds were allocated based on population using 2019 data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Urban Counties, such as Miami-Dade, could not receive less from CSLFRF than they would have received if the funding had been distributed according to section 106(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (the Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, formula). Urban Counties received an upward adjustment to their allocation as a result of this provision. Miami-Dade County received a partial payment of \$263.8 million from the Treasury on May 19, 2021, and the balance of the funds were released within twelve months of the first disbursement. On May 10, 2021, the Treasury released the Interim Final Rule providing general guidelines on the allowable uses of CSLFRF funds, which required CSLFRF funds to be fully obligated by December 31, 2024, and fully expended by December 31, 2026. As was anticipated, the guidelines emphasized that these funds were intended to address negative impacts of the pandemic on disproportionately affected communities and populations as well as to respond to the negative economic impacts created or exacerbated as a result of the pandemic.

The BCC developed and adopted the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan – Resolution No. R-777-21, adopted by the Board on July 20, 2021 – to allocate ARPA funds toward the following priorities:

- Funding to continue providing critical County services without interruption, utilizing the revenue replacement grant category (\$321.7 million);
- Key infrastructure projects supporting thousands of good-paying jobs while simultaneously investing in our community's long-term health and prosperity;
- District-specific priority projects, allocating \$2 million to each of our 13 County Commission districts for each Commissioner to determine how those funds are spent to support our communities; and
- Funding to support the families disproportionately affected by the pandemic, including funds for business grants, workforce training, the preservation and development of workforce housing, violence prevention, behavioral health programs and more.

## **FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan**

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The Miami-Dade Rescue Plan is completely allocated and the majority of the funding has been spent. However, there are several projects that are not under contract or that have been completed with a remaining balance. For FY 2025-26, it is contemplated that the following project balances, which total \$31,986,767, will be recaptured to fund operating expenses: Cutler Pit Acquisition \$300,000; Wink Eye Slough Acquisition \$350,000; Peters Wetlands Acquisition \$325,000; Sea Level Rise Action Plan \$150,000; 157<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project \$3,500,000; Downtown Traffic Lights \$5,000,000; Naranja Community Center \$5,000,000; Neighborhood Improvement Projects \$800,000; University of Miami UMCARD \$3,702; 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Revitalization \$400,000; Underline Wi-Fi \$800,000; COVID Mental Health and Wellness \$5,343; Citizens Crimewatch \$88,699; Center for Haitian Studies \$15,460; Transitions Inc. \$1,259; Workforce Development Training \$800,000; Community Violence Intervention Programs \$100,000; Haitian American Chamber of Commerce \$9,610; Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce \$150,000; Affordable Housing (HOMES) \$1,000,000; RER Endangered Lands Program \$5,000,000; Economic Development Activities \$2,800,000; Small Business Relief \$702,147; Resiliency Grants \$250,000; Strive 305 \$1,091,000; Museum of Contemporary Art \$800,000; BizUp \$1,000,000; Regis House \$909; Smooth Jazz Festival \$500,000; WOW Center \$2,052; Transit Alliance \$351,000; FIU Apprenticeship Program \$490; Biscayne Bay Marketing \$33,496; MJD Wellness \$2,955; Greater Miami Service Corps \$250,000; UMCARD \$26,997; South Dade Veteran's Alliance \$28,054; Family Action Network Movement \$101,281; Bridge to Hope \$1,778; South Florida S.P.C.A. \$4,196; Core Alliance \$5,881; Curley's House \$31,930; Spark Academy \$20,635; Le Jardin \$55,390; National Community Services \$7,631; EXCEL \$1,881; DCS Mentoring \$50,000; North Miami Foundation for Seniors \$15,345; Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Assoc. \$748; Economic Development Council of South Dade \$25,000; Jesus People Ministries \$25,000 and Greater Love Gospel \$1,898.