

DepartmentDepartment	Initiative	Description	SDG Alignment	Outcomes, community impact, or materials to highlight
Homeless Trust	Shared Data for Integrating Health & Housing	Enhanced data sharing and coordinated workflows between Jackson Health System and the Miami Dade County Homeless Trust is improving care for households experiencing homelessness. Healthcare teams and homeless outreach providers are combining their expertise to ensure a more holistic client engagement	3: Good Health and Well Being	This initiative has reduced healthcare utilization and costs for the public health system, increased alignment around housing-focused strategies, produced better outcomes for clients, and resulted in a more efficient use of resources. Preliminary data suggest that the acute visits per person/per month are down 45% from baseline to post-housing intervention. Estimated costs to JHS have declined by 61%, from an average of \$1,800 per person/per month pre-housing intervention, to \$713 per person/per month post-housing intervention. Based on these figures, the program represents an annual cost reduction of \$329,000 for this population. In one case, a total of 29 hospitalizations was reduced to zero post-housing. https://www.instagram.com/reel/DUqyA8sjx15/?igsh=aTB0NGIsZnB0dXdz
Miami-Dade County Animal Services	Low-Cost and Free Veterinary Services	Miami-Dade County Animal Services provides affordable and free pet wellness services, including vaccinations, microchipping, and spay/neuter surgeries through its Pet Adoption and Protection Center and Wellness on Wheels (WOW) Mobile Clinic. These services help prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases, improve animal welfare, and reduce barriers to veterinary care for residents.	3: Good Health and Well-Being	Community Impact: Thousands of pets receive preventative care annually, helping families keep their pets healthy while supporting public health efforts countywide.
	Spay/Neuter Programs and Community Cat Initiatives	Through its Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) Program and community cat services, Animal Services works to humanely reduce free-roaming cat populations, improve animal welfare, and minimize impacts on	3: Good Health and Well-Being 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities 15: Life on Land	Community Impact: The department performs thousands of sterilization surgeries annually, helping reduce pet overpopulation and improving coexistence between residents and community cats.

		neighborhoods and local ecosystems.		
	Pet Adoption and Foster Programs	Miami-Dade County Animal Services promotes pet adoption and foster care through year-round initiatives, helping connect homeless pets with loving homes while providing residents from all backgrounds access to affordable pet ownership opportunities.	11: Sustainable Cities and Communities 10: Reduced Inequalities	Community Impact: Adoption and foster programs reduce shelter overcrowding, save animal lives, and strengthen the human-animal bond within our community.
	Volunteer and Community Engagement Programs	Animal Services engages volunteers, rescue organizations, schools, businesses, and nonprofit partners through educational outreach, adoption events, and collaborative programs that promote responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.	4: Quality Education 17: Partnerships for the Goals	Community Impact: These partnerships expand lifesaving capacity, increase community awareness, and foster civic engagement throughout Miami-Dade County.
	Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response	Animal Services supports community resilience through emergency pet sheltering and disaster preparedness efforts, helping residents protect and care for their pets during emergencies and natural disasters.	11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	Community Impact: Ensures pets and their families have access to resources and support during times of crisis. In 2025, Miami-Dade County Animal Services provided refuge to more than 36,000 animals in need while achieving a save rate of 92.8%, surpassing the national no-kill benchmark for the ninth consecutive year. Through its programs, partnerships, and community-focused services, the department continues to advance public health, animal welfare, and sustainable community development across Miami-Dade County.
RER	Historic Preservation as Climate Action	In 2022, OHP received a National Association of Counties Achievement Award for this program. Miami-Dade County has a significant intersection between	13: Climate Action	Miami-Dade County Historic Site Vulnerability Assessment

		historic/cultural resources and communities impacted by climate change. Preservation of these resources requires forward-thinking strategies that integrate resiliency planning into our review standards, most of which were written when climate change was not a recognized threat. As a founding member of Resilient305 and the Southeast Florida Climate Change Regional Compact, Miami-Dade County is committed to finding mitigation and adaption strategies suitable for South Florida climate impacts. One Climate Compact goal is to “preserve historic and archaeological resources and increase resource resilience by implementing best practices for the identification, evaluation, and prioritization of threatened resources using adaptive preservation strategies.” The County’s first step in achieving that goal was performing a vulnerability assessment. Our Historic Site Vulnerability Assessment recognizes the threat to our historic resources posed by		
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		climate change, notably nuisance flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge. Using available data, we quantified the risk to each of our designated historic sites. This allows the County to prioritize resources for adaptation and/or mitigation. The end result of the Historic Site Vulnerability Assessment was a ranking of our designated resources from most to least vulnerable and identification of a series of recommendations for next steps.		
	Leveraging Historic Preservation to Achieve Equity	In 2022, OHP received a National Association of Counties Achievement Award for this program. Through this program, OHP leverages the power of the county’s historic places to build a more equitable community for our residents. The program started with an audit of County-designated historic sites to ascertain what level of diverse representation was included in the designations. Not surprisingly, reflective of state and national trends, the designated sites are not reflective of County demographics and history. For	10: Reduced Inequalities	Miami-Dade County Planning Division wins Best Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workplace award from Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association

		example, Miami-Dade County is 70% Latinx, and only 1% of designated sites reflect this heritage. As part of this effort, OHP also analyzed state level data for Florida, which reflects a similar lack of diversity. This data audit led to a broader discussion of equity in planning and zoning, prompting OHP staff to undertake a deep research dive into the history of planning and zoning policies and how those have resulted in decades of inequitable policy implementation. These analyses informed staff-developed proposals on how to evaluate our existing land use and development services policies and standards to integrate equity audits and standards into the day-to-day work of our Planning and Development Services Divisions. Achieving the goal of providing progressive, proactive preservation leadership will require a response centered in equity. Our approach is one that engages and tells the multi-layered stories of our communities, particularly those		
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		that have been historically excluded. Essential strategies include internal training, community outreach and engagement and consideration of factors not traditionally considered in historic preservation, including cultural heritage, climate change, affordable housing, gentrification, diversity and inclusion.		
	History Collaborative Program	OHP received a 2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for this program. Launched in 2023, the program’s mission is to advance the use of historic preservation to promote community resilience through engagement efforts to better understand and preserve the people, places and stories that shape Miami-Dade’s heritage. In partnership with Miami-Dade Public Library System Digital Collections Department and Museum of Miami (formerly HistoryMiami), the program combines traditional preservation tools with inclusive storytelling. Held in May during National Historic Preservation month, the	17: Partnerships for the Goals	playlist of oral history interviews Miami-Dade Public Library System Digital Collections Department

		initiative targets a specific community throughout Miami-Dade County for outreach, oral history sharing and cultural preservation. The program provides an opportunity for residents to share personal stories, digitize historical materials and record oral histories through Museum of Miami’s mobile booth. These records are made publicly accessible online and capture and protect both the tangible and intangible elements of local heritage—ensuring that diverse community narratives are honored and preserved for future generations.		
	Evaluation and Appraisal Report	RER-Planning is currently working on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) expresses the broad vision for the County and directs where and how growth will occur. Every seven years, the CDMP is reviewed and updated via a process known as an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The EAR assesses the County's progress toward meeting the goals of the CDMP and	11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	https://www.miamidade.gov/global/economy/planning/cdmp/ear-2025.page Comprehensive Development Master Plan

		recommends changes. As part of this effort, a series of public workshops were held to gather public input. Participants were asked to share their thoughts on key areas related to future growth, such as public works, infrastructure, housing and transportation, among others. A survey was also available for those who could not attend meetings in person. Staff is currently working on the final EAR report. This report will inform future land development policies.		
	FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program - Community Rating System (CRS) Program	RER’s management of this program recently led to an upgrade of Miami-Dade County from a Class 5 to a Class 3 community, which will provide an estimated \$12 million in annual savings, by providing qualifying residents and business owners in unincorporated Miami-Dade County a 35% discount on flood insurance policies issued or renewed on or after April 1, 2024. The upgraded classification and insurance discount are a direct result of the flood mitigation activities that RER oversees in	6: Clean water and sanitation 10: Reduced inequalities	

		order to protect lives, reduce property damage and build resilience against flooding and sea level rise.		
	County’s Impervious Surfaces Ordinance	This program is implemented and enforced by RER, includes certification and recertification requirements for public stormwater infrastructure. Municipalities must submit to RER records related to stormwater infrastructure to ensure their stormwater systems work properly. By recertifying their infrastructure every 10 years as required by the Ordinance, municipalities help ensure their systems, they are doing their part to reduce flooding and improve water quality. That means cleaner water and a healthier environment for everyone.	6: Clean water and sanitation 10: Reduced inequalities	
Port Miami	Miami-Dade County’s Shore Power Program	Launched on June 17, 2024, is a partnership between PortMiami, its cruise partners – Carnival Corporation Ltd., MSC Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Royal Caribbean Group, Virgin Voyages – and Florida Power & Light Company. Shore power allows a cruise ship to turn off its	9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	To date, cruise ships have connected to shore power over 377 days at PortMiami. This has led to a reduction of over 9,850 tons of greenhouse gasses – which is about the same amount that over 2,053 homes burn in electricity use in a year – according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator.

		engines and plug into landside electrical power, while docked at PortMiami. PortMiami is the first major cruise port on the U.S. eastern seaboard with shore power capability at five cruise berths. PortMiami is also one of 41 seaports around the world to offer at least one cruise berth with shore power. This represents about 2 percent of the total number of cruise ports globally.		
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs	All Kids Included (AKI) Accessible Arts Experiences for Kids (funded by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Children’s Trust, and the Taft Foundation)	Celebrating its 20th anniversary in May 2026, this initiative serves to increase the number of quality arts experiences accessible to children and youth with disabilities and their families and to promote the benefit and importance of inclusionary arts and cultural programs both in school settings and the community. The Department makes resources available to non-profit organizations specifically to advance this work, including funding, ideas, information, technical assistance,	3: Good health and well-being 4: Quality education 10: Reduced inequalities	

		training, and programs, and directly supports the creation of ADA/Accessible arts experiences for children with disabilities and their families.		
	Golden Ticket Arts Guide for Older Adults	The Golden Ticket Arts Guide Program is an outreach initiative that provides primarily low-income older adults in our community with free access to a wide range of cultural events and venues. Published in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, the guide has expanded to more than 350 pages and highlights over 125 participating arts and cultural organizations along with 400 free cultural events. Its robust online component features Last Minute Offers, downloadable coupons, and digital access to all cultural listings included in the print guide, which remains the most downloaded document on the Department’s website.	1: No poverty 3: Good health and well-being 10: Reduced inequalities 17: Partnerships for the goals	The print guide is distributed via direct mail to more than 12,800 seniors and is also available at all Miami-Dade Public Library System branches; the Miami-Dade Human Services Department’s Elderly Services network; Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation Active Older Adult hubs; and the Miami-Dade County Transit Golden Passport Office. For the 2025–2026 cultural season, the Department published 25,000 guides.
	Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts	The newly renamed Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (Davis)	1: No poverty 3: Good health and well-being 4: Quality education	

	Center Arts Academies, Apprenticeships, and Community Classes	opened its doors in Liberty City in 1975. Since, it has provided sequential arts learning, training and access for Miami's African American community. In 2025, the Davis celebrated a milestone of 50 years of providing arts and cultural education and special events programming to the citizens of Miami-Dade County. The Davis is located at the intersection of Liberty City and Brownsville, in the heart of one of Miami’s most underserved communities. A cultural arts pillar of the community, the Davis has inspired and helped shape high profile alumni become established artists, and who credit their successes in the arts to high-quality training and experiences garnered through the Davis programs. Artists such as: Tarell Alvin McCraney (award-winning playwright and 2017 Oscar winner for Moonlight); Bianca Brewton (dancer, performing with Katy Perry; Beyoncé, Lemonade; movies: Spirited, Step Up Revolution and Footloose; TV:	8: Decent work and economic growth 10: Reduced inequalities 17: Partnerships for the goals	
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		Lovecraft Country); Marshall L. Davis, Jr. (tap dancer, 1991 Star Search Teen Dance Champion; Broadway: Bring in ‘da Noise, Bring in ‘da Funk and Shuffle Along, the Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921; movies: Happy Feet; and Robert Battle (Former Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater).		
	Joseph Caleb Auditorium - Miami-Dade County Cultural Passport Program Performance Series for Students	The Department of Cultural Affairs presents a series of outstanding performances by local, national, and international touring companies as free field trips serving over 300,000 Miami-Dade County Public School students since the program’s inception.	1: No poverty 3: Good health and well-being 4: Quality education 8: Decent work and economic growth 10: Reduced inequalities 17: Partnerships for the goals	
	Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center - Free Community Events	The Moss Center offers free pop-up events throughout the year which include an annual Halloween event that features a haunted house and spooky interactive	3: Good health and well-being 4: Quality education 6: Clean water and sanitation	

		activities for children and their families. Local arts organizations such as Alhambra Orchestra and Greater Miami Youth Symphony are also featured as partners in community gathering event. In addition, the Center provides free performances with its Party on the Plaza series each season. For the 2024-25 season the Center partnered with Water and Sewer Department (WASD); Transportation and Public Works (DTPW); and the Office of Resilience, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), on a groundbreaking theatrical production, "The Way of Water," in conjunction with Forklift Danceworks, to produce an innovative performance exploring the concept of water and engaging frontline civic workers, local artists, and neighborhood residents in a creative process as performers. In the 2025-26 season, the Center partnered with	8: Decent work and economic growth 10: Reduced inequalities 17: Partnerships for the goals	
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		local organizations to host the free REUSEA-PALOOZA event.		
Internal Compliance Department	Code Enforcement Technology Trust Fund (CETTF)	The Code Enforcement Technology Trust Fund supports technology modernization projects that improve code enforcement operations across Miami-Dade County departments. Through investments in technology and process improvements, the program helps enhance operational efficiency, accountability, and service delivery while supporting efforts to maintain safe, well-maintained, and sustainable communities. While residents may not see the technology itself, they benefit from more efficient enforcement processes, improved case tracking, and better coordination among County departments.	9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Impact Highlights: • Supports technology modernization across multiple code enforcement departments. • Improves operational efficiency and data management. • Enhances accountability and consistency in code enforcement processes. • Contributes to neighborhood quality-of-life initiatives through improved enforcement capabilities.
	Centralized Collections Program	The Credit and Collections Division provides centralized collection services for Miami-Dade County, helping ensure that financial obligations resulting from County services, code enforcement actions, and other legally established debts are	16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Impact Highlights: • Promotes fairness through consistent application of collection policies and procedures across departments. • Supports accountability by recovering funds owed to the County and its residents. • Helps maximize available resources for public services without increasing the burden on taxpayers.

		administered consistently and fairly. By promoting accountability and recovering funds owed to the County, the Division supports responsible stewardship of public resources and helps sustain essential government operations.		• Provides centralized expertise that improves efficiency and reduces duplication of effort across County operations.
Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)	Metro Express Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System	Miami-Dade County recently launched Metro Express, the County’s first-ever Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system operating along the South Dade TransitWay corridor. The 20-mile transit system connects communities from Dadeland South Metrorail Station to Florida City, providing residents with faster, more reliable and more efficient public transportation. The system utilizes a fleet of 60-foot battery-electric buses, helping reduce emissions while advancing Miami-Dade County’s commitment to cleaner and more sustainable transportation solutions. By improving mobility and expanding access to employment centers, educational institutions, healthcare services and other essential destinations, Metro	7: Affordable and Clean Energy 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Community Impact: • First Bus Rapid Transit system in Miami-Dade County • 20-mile corridor serving communities across South Miami-Dade • Zero-emission electric bus fleet reducing environmental impact • Improved access to jobs, schools, healthcare and essential services

		Express strengthens economic opportunity and improves quality of life for South Dade residents.		
	South Dade Transit Operations Center (SDTOC)	Miami-Dade County is developing the South Dade Transit Operations Center, a modern transit facility designed to support long-term transit operations and future service expansion in South Miami-Dade. The facility will serve as a central hub for Metro Express operations and maintenance while incorporating sustainable design features, including energy-efficient infrastructure, solar integration and water reclamation systems. The project is expected to create more than 270 new jobs while supporting continued investment in modern, resilient transportation infrastructure serving the County’s growing southern communities.	7: Affordable and Clean Energy 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Community Impact: • Creation of more than 270 long-term jobs • Supports operations for expanding zero-emission transit fleet • Sustainable infrastructure designed for long-term environmental resilience • Strengthens regional transportation network in South Miami-Dade
	Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program	Miami-Dade County continues advancing Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) projects that create vibrant, walkable communities centered around public transportation. By integrating residential, retail and commercial development near	8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	Community Impact: • Encourages walkable, transit-connected communities • Reduces reliance on single-occupancy vehicles • Expands housing and economic development opportunities near transit hubs • Supports long-term sustainable urban growth throughout Miami-Dade County

		major transit hubs, these projects encourage reduced vehicle dependency while creating greater access to housing, employment opportunities and essential services. Current and future TOD developments across the County are helping build more connected, accessible and sustainable communities while supporting long-term economic growth.		Through these initiatives, Miami-Dade County and the Department of Transportation and Public Works continue investing in innovative transportation solutions that improve mobility, strengthen communities, support economic opportunity and advance long-term sustainability goals for future generations.