

MIAMI-DADE RESCUE PLAN

During the development of the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan, several budgetary shortfalls were identified that required various adjustments to the County's current level of service, in order to produce a balanced budget proposal without increasing ad-valorem taxes to the residents of Miami-Dade County.

As the County approached the final phase of the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan development process, 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 and 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 will be 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.

After much deliberation, the administration in consultation with the Board of County Commissioners (Board) 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 that support 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

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During the County's FY 2021-22 September budget hearings, Resolution No. R-777-21 was modified to include revenue replacement reimbursements of \$479.9 million, which gave the County flexibility to generate general revenue that allowed for the establishment of the Miami-Dade Rescue Plan while satisfying the provisions of the grant as stated in the interim rule. This plan adheres to the same categories that prioritize provisions to continue the same level of County services (\$321.7 million), develop key infrastructure projects (\$121 million), provide for commission district priority projects (\$26 million) and fund support to families that were disproportionately affected by the pandemic with the establishment of economic and social impact projects (\$59 million).

The Adopted FY 2022-23 Budget made several allocations from the Infrastructure Projects one of which included a transfer of \$13 million for district designated projects, amending the Infrastructure Projects balance to \$108 million and increasing the District Designated Projects to \$39 million. Additionally, the Adopted FY 2022-23 Budget included several allocations from the Continuation of County Services (\$321.7 million) to organizations and operations.

Infrastructure Projects (\$108 million)

The FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget includes additional allocations from the \$121 million for infrastructure projects. As noted in Appendix AB \$13.1 million was allocated to specific projects, the remaining funding (\$107.9 million) is set aside for septic to sewer, infrastructure and resiliency projects, which includes \$50.225 million, previously unobligated, now programmed for obligation. Several earmarks and federal and state grants have been identified so that the unallocated infrastructure funding can be used as a local match, while also being utilized for its intended purpose as approved by the Board. These grants and any items regarding the award of these grants will be presented to the Board for consideration.

Several new one-time allocations for future projects (\$50.225 million) are as follows:

- Transfer to the General Fund for municipal infrastructure project payments (\$17.331 million)
- Commission District Designated Projects (\$13 million) (transfer to District Designated)
- Local Match for committed Resiliency Grants (\$7.7 million)
- Transfer to the General Government Improvement Fund for infrastructure projects (\$6.694 million)
- Reallocation of \$4 million from a DERM project to the North Dade Cultural Arts Center
- Reallocation of the North Miami project from a Community Theatre to \$2 million to Cagni Park and \$1 million to the Museum of Contemporary Art
- Helen Sawyer Assisted Living Facility projects (\$3 million)
- Tree Canopy Grant Match (\$2.5 million)

With the allocations made above, no unobligated funding will exist.

Economic and Social Impact Projects (\$59 million)

No changes are being proposed for the Economic and Social Impact Projects, all funding has been allocated.

District Designated Projects (\$52 million)

An additional allocation (\$13 million) was added from the Infrastructure Projects category.

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Continuation of County Services (\$308.734 million)

As part of the County's plan for the ARPA funding, \$321.734 million was set aside for the continuation of general governmental services. In FY 2020-21, \$47.825 million was budgeted to cover shortfalls, as a result of additional revenues generated through increased general revenue and tourist taxes, only \$19.329 million was expended. The FY 2021-22 approved budget included \$273.875 million for general governmental services, which included \$103 million to cover operating expenses in public safety. It is anticipated that \$123.775 million will be required, leaving a remaining balance of \$178.630 million for general governmental services a majority of which was allocated in the Adopted FY 2022-23 Budget.

The FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget includes a \$22.569 million transfer to the General Fund, this allocation is from the remaining Future Budget Shortfall Reserve, the reallocation of the \$2.4 million reimbursement to the PTP for the purchase of the lightspeed building and \$18.7 million from the HOMES Plan that will be used to provide the Save our Seniors an additional \$517 this year. With these allocations, the Continuation of County Services Program is fully allocated.