

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: June 25, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING (AND, AS TO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING) THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT FUNDING, EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING GRANTS, PROGRAMS, AND AGREEMENTS: 1) FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FY27, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$600,000; 2) FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION (FEMA) THROUGH FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP), IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$3 MILLION; AND 3) FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) THROUGH FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM), LEGISLATIVE PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$7.7 MILLION.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Miami Beach applies for various grants and funding allocations from external agencies and organizations. Information regarding the projects and funding sources is included in the Analysis section of this Agenda Item.

ANALYSIS

1. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Public Transit Service Development Program FY27, in the approximate amount of \$600,000 for Commuter Waterborne Transportation Service.

The Public Transit Service Development Program provides funding to new or innovative techniques or measures that can be used to improve or expand public transit. Eligible projects include those that involve new technologies, services, routes, or vehicle frequencies for increasing service to the riding public.

The City administration is applying for a grant in the approximate amount of \$600,000 for the Commuter Waterborne Transportation Service. The funding will be used to supplement the operating cost of the water taxi service in FY 2027. The City has already received grant funding from FDOT to supplement the operating cost of this transit service in FY 2026. The City is providing matching funds in the amount of \$600,000. However, the matching funds are contingent on Commission approval and appropriation during the FY 2026 budget process.

2. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) through Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), in the approximate amount of \$3 Million for Historic City Hall Wind Mitigation.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. It is a partnership that is designed to assist states, local governments, private non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration.

The City administration is applying for a grant in the approximate amount of \$3 Million for a Historic City Hall wind mitigation project. The funding will be used to replace and upgrade all existing windows and doors with impact-resistant enclosures. The City is providing matching funds in the amount of \$1 Million. However, the matching funds are contingent on Commission approval and appropriation during the FY 2026 budget process.

3. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Appropriation, in the approximate amount of \$7.7 Million for Mount Sinai Medical Center.

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 authorizes funding for 110 projects from states, tribes, territories and local communities to receive federal assistance from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

On behalf of Mount Sinai Medical Center, the City administration is accepting a federal appropriation in the approximate amount of \$7.7 Million for a project to retrofit non-structural critical equipment. The project will provide flood protection to the Hirsch Meyer Tower and Radiology Building. The City is acting as a pass-through entity to provide the subaward, which was originally awarded by FEMA through FDEM, to Mount Sinai Medical Center. Mount Sinai Medical Center will be obligated to comply with all terms of the grant agreement when completing its project. No City funds are involved.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Based on the stated analysis, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution appropriating funding and approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept funds and execute all documents or agreements in connection with these grants, award programs and funding requests.

Applicable Area

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Grants Management

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Approval to Apply for, Accept and Appropriate Funding, Grants, and Agreements. GM/FN

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)