



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: November 14, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: EARMARK FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MIAMI CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the November 14, 2024 Special Meeting of the Mayor and City Commission, the City Commission will discuss the allocation of funds to Miami-Dade County for the purpose of supporting homelessness services and domestic violence programs. Many individuals experiencing homelessness are also experiencing mental health conditions. Accordingly, as part of the regional effort to combat homelessness, it is vital to invest in mental health services.

The Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery (the "Miami Center"), which is expected to open in the near future, is a critical resource that will serve individuals struggling with mental health and substance use disorders. The Miami Center is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility that will provide integrated services for individuals battling mental health challenges, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders. It will offer a wide range of therapeutic programs, medical care, mental health counseling, rehabilitation services, and recovery support to help individuals regain their stability and independence.

By earmarking a portion of the funds to be provided to Miami-Dade County under the proposals currently under consideration, we can directly support the continued operation of this vital facility, ensuring that its services remain available to those who need them most.

**DISCUSSION:**

I would like my colleagues to discuss the inclusion in the proposal that is selected by the Mayor and City Commission that not less than 50% of any funds allocated to Miami-Dade County under the proposals being considered at the November 14, 2024 Special Meeting be specifically earmarked to help fund the ongoing operation of the Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery and the remaining 50% to be specifically earmarked to such other organizations that provide services to individuals experiences homelessness or victims of domestic violence as the City Commission shall specify.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

NA

**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-notice/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONCLUSION**

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

Yes

**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**

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Discuss/Action, Earmark Funds for Operation of Miami Center for Mental Health & Recovery.  
(Rosen Gonzalez)