

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS BY US CONGRESSWOMAN LOIS FRANKEL DURING THE FY 2022 BUDGET YEAR; AND SUPPORTING MEMBER DESIGNATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The practice of member directed funding requests, formerly known as earmarks, has not occurred for over a decade in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the 116th Congress, the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress offered recommendations that would improve the functioning of the institution and ultimately included the reinstatement of earmarks; and

WHEREAS, Members of Congress were asked to propose direct federal funding for up to ten programs for projects located in their district; and

WHEREAS, Members must provide documented evidence demonstrating community support and need for each proposed project; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Frankel put out a call to local governments and non-profit organizations in the area for project requests and received over 70 applications; and

WHEREAS, The final selections were made after a period of vetting and site visits while taking into consideration impact, sustainability, and alternative avenues for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Frankel has submitted ten projects, totaling \$6.7 million, for consideration in the FY 22 Federal Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, The selected projects deliver important community services in the areas of healthcare, education, housing and economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, The sponsoring non-profit organizations have longstanding ties within the community and proven to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) plans to advance surface transportation authorization legislation in the coming months, building on the 116th Congress' H.R. 2, the *Moving Forward Act*; and

WHEREAS, The T&I Committee process for considering member projects is separate from the House Committee on Appropriations' process for considering Community Project Funding requests as projects that are funded through the surface transportation authorization will be funded directly from the Highway Trust Fund and do not require a separate or subsequent appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Frankel has submitted six projects, totaling \$19.8 million, for consideration in subsequent surface transportation authorization legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners concurs that these projects are reputable and worthy of receiving federal funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners supports the submission of the following ten community project funding requests by US

Congresswoman Lois Frankel for consideration in the FY 22 Federal Appropriations Act:

- **Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)** \$1,000,000 to purchase a building to create a sustainable home for AVDA's outreach offices, expand outreach and increase accessibility to domestic abuse survivors;
- **Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County** \$511,886 to expand the Boys and Girls Club's College and Work Readiness Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming for minority, low-income youth;
- **Caridad Center** \$1,136,206 for infrastructure upgrades and medical equipment to allow Caridad Center to continue providing vital medical services to thousands of poor and uninsured families;
- **Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County** \$125,000 to support early learning program stabilization essential to families returning to work and school and continuity of care for tens of thousands of children;
- **Fred & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service** \$327,066 to help meet the growing mental health needs in our community and allow for the implementation of a new Electronic Health Record system;
- **Pace Center for Girls** \$500,000 to provide educational tools and upgrades to the Pace Center to continue serving over 100 at-risk girls annually through the Academic and Counseling Day Program and Reach Therapy Program;
- **Palm Beach County** \$1,000,000 to help provide medical respite and acute and post-acute recuperative care for people experiencing homelessness when they are not ill enough to remain in a hospital but too ill to recover on the streets;
- **Palm Beach State College** \$691,936 to help expand the clinical laboratory to provide Respiratory Care students with better training opportunities through medical simulations;
- **The Lord's Place** \$988,900 to renovate elements of the Family Campus with apartments, community center, and a youth center; and
- **United Way of Palm Beach County** \$500,000 to jumpstart the MISSION UNITED veterans program to help with affordable housing support, employment services, education, legal assistance, and health care.

and

Section 2. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners supports the submission of the following six member-designated transportation projects by US Congresswoman Lois Frankel for consideration in subsequent surface transportation authorization legislation:

- **Delray Beach Complete Streets Program** at Lawson Boulevard from Dover Road to Federal Highway in Delray Beach to provide bike lanes, sidewalks, landscaping, and improved vehicle lanes, in the amount of \$1,106,269;
- **Palm Beach County/ Flavor Pict Road** for design, permitting, and other related costs to complete 1.7 miles of new 4-lane roadway and bridge over Florida's Turnpike as the last link of Flavor Pict Road in the amount of \$4,700,000;
- **Palm Tran Public Bus Shelters** to include 150 new shelters across Palm Beach County that are critical in delivering quality transportation services to customers, particularly during inclement weather, in the amount of \$8,000,000;
- **South Florida Regional Transportation Authority New Tri-Rail Train** for the purchase of new rolling stock, including vehicles and equipment to enhance and expand South Florida's regional transportation system in the amount of \$4,000,000;
- **Village of Palm Springs/Park Connector Pathway System** for 6.7 miles of a pedestrian friendly pathway connecting most of the Village's parks and recreation facilities, Village Hall, Police and Fire Stations, other neighborhoods and transit stops in the amount of \$854,550;
- **West Palm Beach/Grandview Heights Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements** that include new ADA compliant curb ramps and traffic calming facilities, a reconfigured roundabout, road re-paving, new bicycle lanes, and upgrading pavement markings and signage in the amount of \$1,200,000.

and

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Congresswoman Frankel and the members of the Palm Beach County Federal Legislative Delegation.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

DAVE KERNER, Mayor	-
ROBERT S. WEINROTH, Vice Mayor	-
COMMISSIONER MARIA MARINO	-
COMMISSIONER GREGG K. WEISS	-
COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS	-
COMMISSIONER MELISSA MCKINLAY	-
COMMISSIONER MACK BERNARD	-

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: *M. B. Herman for C. Koester*
Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk