



Dear Nonprofit Partners,

The Miami Foundation has updated its Community Grants Program guidelines for 2018. Last year, the Foundation marked our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, where we celebrated the legacy of our past and set goals for the future. We also carefully considered this question: as the Foundation continues to evolve, how should our work evolve as well to achieve this community's aspirations for a greater Miami?

We identified three themes for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year: create **opportunity** for residents, ensure Miami-Dade County's **resiliency** and foster home-grown **creativity**. Moving into 2018, we have aligned Community Grants with these themes. Through this program, we honor the generous donors who created permanently endowed funds to support, forever, issues they cared about deeply. They trusted the Foundation to always have a broad and current knowledge of the community, its needs and nonprofits, and to adapt with Greater Miami over time to champion the issues they cared about.

The 2018 guidelines still reflect issues that have long been a part of the program. **Opportunity** includes Well-being of Children and Youth, Affordability and Housing, Healthy Lifestyles. **Creativity** focuses on Arts & Culture. **Resiliency** is new, added through gifts from new donors and based on current Foundation priorities. This theme focuses on both addressing challenges to our physical environment amid rapid growth, and also strengthening the overall community fabric of Greater Miami by increasing civic engagement.

The guidelines describe the themes, issues related to each one, and our priorities of progress, innovation and collaboration. They speak to the quality of life the Foundation strives to make a reality in Greater Miami. Please review them carefully and reach out to us with any questions. We look forward to continuing to partner with nonprofits that can lead our community and its residents toward a better future.

My Best,

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