THE MIAMI FOUNDATION

# Disaster Readiness in Greater Miami

## NONPROFIT RESILIENCE + LEADERSHIP IN 2026

Miami is among the most disaster-affected regions in the country, and the nature of that threat is expanding. While hurricanes remain the defining risk, intensifying heat, flooding, and storm seasons now demand preparedness that extends throughout the year. As federal support for both nonprofit operations and disaster response grows less certain, Miami's community-based organizations are being asked to do more, with less, for the communities that need them most.

Miami's nonprofits continue to step into that gap as the open door, the trusted neighbor, and a safety net. Our 2026 survey of nonprofit organizations across Miami-Dade County that implement disaster-related work reveals a network that is experienced, deeply rooted, and far reaching, with the majority (65%) providing services countywide.

This snapshot maps our nonprofit network, how it is meeting Miami's growing and diversifying disaster preparedness needs, and what it requires to sustain.

**A growing number of Miami nonprofits are stepping in to prepare and respond to disasters.**

### 2025 Give Miami Day[1] data found:

**234** MIAMI NONPROFITS reported providing disaster-related services

COMPARED TO

**194** from last year.

OF THESE

**40** organizations participated in the 2026 Disaster Resilience survey.

*1. Give Miami Day is the annual fundraising and capacity building movement for Miami's local nonprofits hosted by The Miami Foundation*

### Most local disaster-related nonprofits prepare year-round and respond immediately:

**60%** provide immediate disaster relief

**55%** engage in year-round disaster preparedness

UP FROM 42% IN 2025

**40%** have responded to a disaster in the last two years

### Their work spans the full range of disaster:

**68%** distribute food and supplies

**1 OUT OF 3** provide mental health services

**1 OUT OF 4** provide health services

**1 OUT OF 4** address extreme heat

**Miami's disaster nonprofits are doing more with less.**

Almost **3 OUT OF 4** nonprofits HAVE SEEN FUNDING DECREASE OR BECOME MORE UNCERTAIN IN THE LAST YEAR

**70%** IDENTIFY RISING SUPPLY COSTS AS A TOP CHALLENGE

Less than **1 OUT OF 10** nonprofits HAVE EMERGENCY RESERVES AND DEDICATED DISASTER RESPONSE STAFF

**Top 5 barriers our community faces when accessing help during a disaster:**

1. TRANSPORTATION
2. IMMIGRATION FEAR
3. LACK OF AWARENESS ABOUT AVAILABLE SERVICES
4. LANGUAGE
5. ACCESS TO INTERNET/PHONE

**LOCAL NONPROFITS NEED RESOURCES ACROSS THE BOARD:**

**60%** want non-perishable food

More organizations distribute food than in previous years.

**55%** need water

**70%** seek more partnership connections

More than half already work together to do this work.

**55%** want more volunteer support

**There are three ways we can further strengthen Miami's nonprofit disaster response.**

**1**

### Disaster resilience requires investment that extends WELL BEYOND ANY SINGLE EVENT:

Supporting long-term recovery, year-round preparedness, and emerging threats like extreme heat will build a network that protects Miami before the next disaster strikes.

**25%** OF MIAMI'S DISASTER-RELATED NONPROFITS WORK ON LONG-TERM RECOVERY

**2**

### Build stronger coordination ACROSS THE NETWORK:

Disaster resilience requires collaboration. We can **work together to strengthen connections** among nonprofits and community partners to help ensure organizations are prepared, information is shared, and resources reach residents when they need them most.

**70%** of nonprofits identified needing more **COORDINATION/ COLLABORATION**

**3**

### Increase coverage ACROSS ALL NEIGHBORHOODS:

The majority (65%) of nonprofits serve all of Miami-Dade in their disaster work, but **place-based coverage remains uneven.**

- No organizations reported working directly in some of Miami-Dade's most populated communities, including: Fountainebleu | Kendall | Leisure City | North Miami Beach | Sweetwater | Westchester

CLICK HERE TO EXPLORE OUR DISASTER RESILIENCE NETWORK MAP

# Invest in Preparedness

**Looking to take action and support Miami's resilience during disaster season?**

**Here are three ways to strengthen Miami's Disaster Resilience Network:**

1. IF YOU ARE A NONPROFIT, JOIN THE NETWORK.
2. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING:
   - INVEST in the Miami Disaster Resilience Network.
   - VOLUNTEER with trusted local organizations before disasters strike.
   - LEARN how we're strengthening community preparedness.
3. FOR EVERYONE IN MIAMI-DADE, STAY PREPARED!

**At The Miami Foundation, we know that meeting the needs of our community requires planning and action ahead of a storm.**

**Visit our MIAMI STRONG DISASTER RESILIENCE NETWORK page to learn more about our proactive approach to supporting our community and our permanent, revolving fund that places resources with nonprofits in advance of a disaster.**

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