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Message to Greater Miami’s Nonprofit Community

As Greater Miami’s community foundation, The Miami Foundation is always evolving. Our endowment and generous new donors help expand our reach and the range of issues we have dedicated funds to support.

Thanks to our donors, the Foundation will add a focus area to our 2020 Community Grants Program: **Inclusion of People with Diverse Abilities**. The Foundation seeks to expand the availability of and access to community resources so people with disabilities can thrive in productive, purposeful lives and are increasingly integrated into all aspects of community life. The focus area is now part of our **Opportunity** category, building onto the other areas of Well-Being of Children & Youth, Affordability & Housing and Healthy Lifestyles.

Inclusion of People with Diverse Abilities is new ground for the Foundation. To begin to appreciate and understand this space, our Programs and Grants Administration team engaged in extensive community conversations with individuals, organizations, policymakers and other funders. We are deeply grateful to all who shared their invaluable perspectives, insights, guidance and their lived experiences to inform the Foundation’s initial approach.

We have a separate summary for the Inclusion of People with Diverse Abilities focus area that outlines types of issues we seek to support through grantmaking. Please [click here](#) to review this summary.

Beyond grantmaking, we intend to be a partner around a resounding theme we heard in our conversations: the need to raise broader visibility and awareness of the disabilities community. Our team aims to share our learnings with the Foundation’s networks and continue to learn through our allies and partners who are on the frontlines of this work.

In addition to the new Community Grants Program focus area, nonprofits will see revised proposal questions. These revisions relate to the Foundation’s goal to capture, compile and share a broader picture of nonprofits’ collective reach and impact across Miami-Dade County.

Nonprofits are welcome to schedule a 30-minute consultation with our team. You will find the scheduling link in the 2020 Community Grants guidelines. And, finally, we’ve created a one-page summary sheet of the 2020 Grants Programs Schedule so you can see and save information about all our programs and deadlines for 2020.

The Foundation is honored to be a philanthropic partner toward our shared goal of building a Greater Miami.

My best,

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