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Miami Open for Business

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The Miami Foundation builds the philanthropic, civic, and leadership backbone for Greater Miami. Since 1967, the Foundation has invested $505 million to strengthen our community with partnerships and contributions from more than 1000 fundholders and 35,000 donors. The Miami Foundation, which currently manages over $427 million in assets, mobilizes donors, nonprofits, leaders, and locals to set a bold vision for our community’s future and to invest in a stronger, more equitable, more resilient Greater Miami.
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Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, President and CEO

Social innovator and former policymaker Rebecca Fishman Lipsey is the president and CEO of The Miami Foundation, a $427MM community foundation focused on building a stronger, more equitable Greater Miami. Since her recent appointment, she has mobilized philanthropists, businesses and local leaders to invest in collaborative, cross-sector efforts to respond to the impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic and support the long-term recovery of our region. Already, her work has helped unlock more than $15 million in recovery funds that will help restore health, opportunity and a thriving society for all who call Miami-Dade County home.

Prior to The Miami Foundation, Rebecca was the founder and CEO of Radical Partners, a social-impact accelerator that incubates organizations seeking to strengthen Miami. Radical Partners engages more than 100,000 Miami locals each year to strengthen their own communities through their initiatives including 100 Great Ideas, ConnectMiami, Vote Miami, and Public Transit Day. More than 100 social innovators have scaled their ventures as alumni of the RP accelerator, addressing issues including education, health, housing affordability, civic engagement and access to the arts.

Before launching Radical Partners, Rebecca served as executive director of Teach For America in Miami-Dade. Under her leadership, the organization tripled in size and fundraising efforts multiplied 16-times over. She became the youngest person in history to be appointed to the Florida Board of Education, where she served a four-year term, overseeing educational policy that impacted 3 million students from kindergarten through college.

Rebecca is an alumnus of The Miami Foundation’s Miami Fellows program (Class VI). She is also the 2017 recipient of the Foundation’s Ruth Shack Leadership Award, which annually honors an individual age 40 or under who reflects steadfast ethics and unselfish service to Greater Miami.

She was named “Best Non-Profit Executive” by The International Stevie Award for Women in Business; “Best Role Model” by Miami Today; and “20 Under 40” by The Miami Herald. She began her career as a teacher in Harlem, NY. She holds a master’s from Bank Street College of Education, and graduated as valedictorian of her University of Pennsylvania undergraduate class. When she’s not building a stronger Miami, you can find Rebecca banging on the piano, walking ‘round the neighborhood with her husband of 17 years, or serving as a personal assistant to two young boys.

Brittany Morgan, Economic Resilience Director

Brittany Morgan (she/ella) joined The Miami Foundation as Economic Stability Director, where she will lead the Foundation’s efforts to strengthen historically disadvantaged small businesses with asset ownership and resilience coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. A seasoned non-profit and economic development professional, she brings a decade of experience working in diverse program management and research roles, spanning the small business, health, education, and workforce sectors.

Most recently, Brittany served as a program officer on The Rockefeller Foundation’s Equity and Economic Opportunity team, where she led a national grantmaking effort to support Black and Latinx small businesses with capital access and TA in 12 major U.S. cities, including Miami-Dade. Prior to entering philanthropy, Brittany worked at the University of Chicago Inclusive Economy Lab and built a research-practice partnership with the local community college district to deepen data-driven investments in first-generation student success. Before then, Brittany spent 6 years at Feeding America, managing place-based food insecurity initiatives across 60 food banks and 100 local pantries, kitchens, and shelters throughout the U.S.

Brittany is ardently passionate about economic parity, social equality, and racial justice. Brittany holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago in international studies with a minor in human rights, and a master’s degree from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. While she lived in Chicago for 14 years, she beyond overjoyed to return home to the 305.

Nikisha Williams, Managing Director of Collective Impact

Nikisha Williams, a Miami-native, currently serves as the Managing Director of Collective Impact at The Miami Foundation. In this role she is responsible for leading large-scale change through cross-sector collaboration by bringing together government, philanthropy, nonprofits, and corporations together to solve major community challenges in bold ways that couldn’t be accomplished without collective action.

Nikisha’s career spans the public sector and communications, where she most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, where she was responsible for leading the operations of the organization, including human resources, marketing, fund development, as it expanded its placemaking, workforce development, health and arts/culture initiatives in the community. Prior to that, Nikisha served as the Director of Employee Communications and Change at C&W Communications, a telecommunications company with operations with more than 7,500 employees in 30 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Prior to her role at C&W Communications, she managed communications for c-suite executives at AT&T in both New York and Dallas. She spent eight years at Golin/Harris, where she led client accounts, developed and implemented public relations campaigns, managed account teams, provided strategic media counsel and created marketing strategies for various clients. Her experience spans the retail, technology, consumer packaged goods and non-profit industries.

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Nikisha’s work with the International Kids Fund (now knows as the IKF Wonderfund) a program of Jackson Health Foundation was recognized by PR Week as the 2009 Community Relations Campaign of the Year and by the Holmes Report as the 2009 Sabre Not-for-Profit Campaign of the Year.

She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in broadcast journalism and a Bachelor of Art in Spanish. During her studies she spent time in Barcelona, Spain learning the Spanish language and about the culture.

She is a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami, a Miami Fellow and graduate of Leadership Miami. She sits on the board of Health in the Hood and the City of Opa-locka’s Historic and Environmental Preservation Board. Her professional affiliations include the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ). She’s also participated in the Executive Leadership Council’s Bright Future’s Leadership Development Program.

Jessica Cohen, Director of Communications

Jessica Cohen is the Director of Communications at The Miami Foundation. She develops and manages the Foundation’s communications strategy.

Prior to moving to Miami, Jessica worked as the Director of Communications with the Jewish Agency for Israel, in France. She started her career at UNESCO where she was in charge, for eight years, of relations with NGOs and Foundations. She then worked for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and an NGO fostering good relations between countries in Europe and the Middle East. Jessica also serves on the Board of two nonprofits in Miami. She holds a Master’s degree in Political Science from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po). She lives in Miami with her two daughters.
Suarez served as Miami Commissioner for District 4 during eight years. Mayor Francis X. Suarez is the 33rd Mayor of the City of Miami. As the first annual budget of approximately $9 billion.

Daniella Levine Cava was elected Miami-Dade County's first-ever woman Mayor in November 2020. She enters the Mayor's office following a 40-year career as a relentless advocate for South Florida families in public service and elected leadership. As Miami-Dade County's Mayor, she oversees a metropolitan government with more than 28,000 employees serving nearly 3 million residents, managing an annual budget of approximately $9 billion.

Mayor Levine Cava's administration is focused on building a stronger, more inclusive, more resilient Miami-Dade by prioritizing reforms to make our county safer and prevent gun violence through the Peace and Prosperity Plan; restoring and reinvigorating a thriving economy that delivers economic security for Miami-Dade businesses and families and attracts new industries; saving Biscayne Bay and building and protecting our environment; and directly engaging with residents to make local government more responsive, transparent, and accountable. Learn more about the Mayor's key priorities and progress.

A social worker, lawyer, and community activist, she was first elected in 2014, and re-elected in August 2018, to serve as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8. As Commissioner, she invested in Miami-Dade small businesses and expanded economic opportunity, protected the environment and our water, increased the County police force for underserved areas, advocated for an expanded, reliable public transportation system, worked to create affordable housing and revitalize neighborhoods, and helped make local government more accountable and transparent.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, she was recruited to create a new intake system for child abuse cases with the Department for Children and Families. Her efforts were concentrated on the neighborhoods of District 8 where she helped restore the lives and homes of those devastated by the storm.

In 1996, Mayor Levine Cava founded Catalyst Miami to help low- and middle-income families through service, education, and advocacy. Catalyst helps approximately 5,000 people each year to become more self-sufficient and civically engaged.

She is the Immediate Past Chair of the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) and served as an SFRPC Council Member from 2015 – 2020. She has served on the Florida Bar Committee on Legal Needs of Children; the boards of League of Women Voters, Orange Bowl Foundation, North Dade Medical Foundation, South Florida Health Information Initiative, and several national boards. She’s won numerous awards from various organizations including: the Commission on Ethics, Red Cross, American Society for Public Administration, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women, League of Women Voters, among others.

Francis Suarez, City of Miami Mayor

Francis X. Suarez is the 33rd Mayor of the City of Miami. As the first Miami-born mayor, he is committed to working diligently to serve the residents of the community where he was born and raised. Prior to being elected with 86 percent support from Miami residents, Mayor Suarez served as Miami Commissioner for District 4 during eight years.

Since taking office, he has worked to protect lives and livelihoods by deploying a countywide operation to distribute coronavirus vaccines efficiently and equitably across Miami-Dade; appointing the County's first Chief Medical officer; and working closely with city leaders and the business community to spread a unified pandemic response message. In cooperation with the Board of County Commissioners, she is working to distribute millions of federal dollars in American Rescue Plan relief funds to support small businesses and residents impacted by the pandemic, invest in critical infrastructure projects, and kickstart long term recovery.

Mayor Suarez had many legislative accomplishments as Commissioner, including implementing ShotSpotter technology in the City, a state-of-the-art gunshot detection system, setting up a transportation trust fund, which allocates funds for current and future transit projects, and passing the Reverse Redline legislation, authorizing lawsuits against several major banks for discriminatory mortgage lending practices. As a result, the City's lawsuit reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that cities have standing to sue banks under the Fair Housing Act for such discriminatory practices.

Mayor Suarez also serves as Chair of the Environment Committee, as well as on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In these capacities, Mayor Suarez takes a leading role in collaborating with fellow mayors from around the country to preserve the environment and develop programs and policies that directly benefit the City of Miami. He also serves as Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and is the former President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

In his role at the TPO, Mayor Suarez championed the Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan, which was unanimously approved. The SMART Plan expands mass transit options in Miami-Dade County through six main corridors and new bus routes to ease traffic congestion and support future population growth. Mayor Suarez helped negotiate the Tri-Rail connection to Downtown, offering free ridership to Overtown residents for life. He also ushered in the free trolley system in Miami, which carries an average of 450,000 passengers per month.

Mayor Suarez is dedicated to elevating the quality of life of the residents he serves by focusing on transportation and connectivity, resiliency, and job creation by nurturing the growth of technology and innovation. He is also committed to expanding affordable housing, tackling the poverty pandemic and, as a corollary, reducing crime. The oldest of four siblings, Mayor Suarez was born into a family where, as he describes, “being socially conscious was a kind of requirement.” As the son of former City of Miami Mayor, Xavier Suarez, he was also exposed to public service since he was a child, growing up around his father’s office at City Hall, the same one he works out of today.

Mayor Suarez earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from Florida International University, graduating in the top ten percent of his class. He went on to receive his law degree from the University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law, where he graduated cum laude. He is currently an attorney with the law firm Greenspoon Marder, specializing in corporate and real-estate transactions.

Mayor Suarez is married to Gloria Fonte Suarez. They have a son, Andrew Xavier, and a daughter, Gloriana Pilar. They consider themselves honored and blessed to be raising their family in the City of Miami.
Creative Assets

Applications for microgrants, low interest loans and real estate grants are NOW OPEN

To learn more, visit: MiamiOpenForBusiness.org

We are working to help build generational wealth and resilience in Miami.

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Support for historically underserved small businesses and nonprofits.

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The Miami Foundation Open for Business (OFB) Program Overview

About The OFB Program:

The Miami Foundation’s core mission is to build a stronger, more equitable and resilient Miami. Through the Open for Business program, the Foundation is supporting historically underserved small business owners and nonprofits to build generational wealth and resilience.

Funded with a $20 million grant from Wells Fargo, The Miami Foundation and community-based lending partner, Partners for Self Employment, will distribute grants and loans to nonprofits and small businesses across Miami-Dade County to support their acquisition of critical assets, such as technology, equipment, machinery, inventory, and property. Ultimately, the program aims to ensure that historically underserved and underinvested entrepreneurs have a fair chance to build prosperity in the Miami they helped create.

To design the program, the Foundation engaged a Stakeholder Advisory Group, a leadership circle of local visionaries with deep expertise about the small business ecosystem, alongside dozens of community stakeholders, in order to gather input and strategic thinking on how to make the greatest impact through Miami Open for Business.

Offerings

OFB offers 3 unique financial products:

- **Microgrants for Technology and Equipment**: Grants between $100-$20,000 for nonprofits and small businesses to purchase hardware, software, and equipment.

- **Asset Building Loans for Entrepreneurs (ABLE)**: Low-interest, patient financing from $5,000-$100,000 for nonprofits and small businesses to acquire vehicles or inventory, renovate their space, refinance predatory debt taken on for asset building, succession financing, or co-op conversion.

- **Collective Real Estate Ownership (CREO)**: Down payment assistance up to $500,000 for shared commercial real estate in historically underinvested neighborhoods and corridors to root community businesses and non-profits.

Eligibility

Basic eligibility for program application:

- Must be minority-owned, have fewer than 100 employees, and in operation for at least 2 years. Microgrant and loan applicants must also have less than $1M in revenue or annual budget.

- Have copies of basic financial statements, budgets, and compliance paperwork (e.g., business tax license, Form 990, etc.).

- Be properly incorporated and registered with Miami-Dade County and any municipalities, as applicable.

- Operate a business or nonprofit that provides a local, community benefit, prioritizing employer firms that offer quality jobs.

Application

Application next steps:

- **October 6th**: Applications open for all three opportunities

- **November 7th**: First round deadline for microgrants

- **November 28th**: First round deadline for real estate grants

- **December 1st**: First round deadline for loan applications

- Funding cycles will continue twice annually for the following two years.

Learn more at MiamiOpenForBusiness.org
Miami Open for Business comes at a key time for historically underinvested businesses and nonprofits who were, and still are, disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Small businesses are the heartbeat of Miami-Dade’s economy, employing half of the labor force. Yet, supply chain volatility and decreasing rental affordability are threatening the very same businesses that made Miami a world-renowned cultural enclave.

To combat these trends, we aspire to equip small businesses and nonprofits with critical assets so that their businesses remain resilient and their families and communities can build generational wealth.

- **Small businesses drive Miami’s local economy:** Miami is consistently rated as one of the most entrepreneurial cities in the country and 81% of our estimated 80,000 small businesses employ 10 or fewer employees.

- **Entrepreneurship is a major wealth creation pathway:** Nationally, the net worth of families with a small business is five times greater than one without. For Black families with an entrepreneur, this grows to 10-12 times greater.

- **Yet, small business owners of color disproportionately face barriers to success:** Historically, only 2% and 5% of Small Business Administration (SBA) funding has reached Black, and Latino-owned businesses, respectively.

Building off Miami-Dade County’s list of Targeted Urban Areas, we are prioritizing the above communities for funding in order to address longstanding inequities. Small businesses and nonprofits based in these neighborhoods are especially encouraged to apply.

Learn more at [MiamiOpenForBusiness.org](http://MiamiOpenForBusiness.org)
Microgrants for Technology, Equipment, and Machinery

Through Open for Business, The Miami Foundation is supporting historically underinvested, small businesses and nonprofits to help build resilience and generational wealth. Funded with a $20 million grant from Wells Fargo, The Miami Foundation and community-based lending partner, Partners for Self Employment, will distribute grants and loans to nonprofits and small businesses across Miami-Dade County to support their acquisition of critical assets, such as technology, equipment, machinery, inventory, and property.

Microgrant Eligibility

- Minority-owned small businesses and nonprofits in Miami-Dade County with <$1M revenue or annual budget
- Must be in operation for at least 2 years
- Must be in good financial standing, proof of proper business registration
- Priority given to organizations that provide a community benefit, offer quality jobs, and located in historically underserved neighborhoods

Prepare to Apply

- Nonprofits apply through The Miami Foundation
- Small businesses apply through Partners for Self Employment
- Budget and explanation of how loan will help your goals
- Financial statements and operating budget
- Proof of proper business standing

Grant Amount: $100 - $20K

- Grants will be available between $100 - $20,000

Allowed Uses

- Technology: Hardware (laptops, cameras, cash machines, etc.)
- Technology: Software (subscriptions and product licensing)
- Equipment and Machinery: Food & beverage prep and production, manufacturing tools, cleaning equipment, etc.

Timeline

- Early October 2022: Applications open
- October 11, 12, 20, and 25: Informational sessions
- November 7, 2022: First round application deadline
- December 2022: Funding announced
- We will offer two funding cycles each year for the next two years.

Get in Touch

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Asset Building Loans for Entrepreneurs (ABLE) Fund

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Loan Eligibility

- Minority-owned small businesses and nonprofits in Miami-Dade County with <$1M revenue or annual budget
- Must be in operation for at least 2 years
- Must be in good financial standing, proof of proper business registration
- No minimum credit score; however, priority given to organizations that provide a community benefit, offer quality jobs, and located in historically underserved neighborhoods

Prepare to Apply

- Small businesses and nonprofits apply through Partners for Self Employment
- Budget and explanation how loan will help your goals
- Financial statements, operating budget, and cash flow projections
- Business or strategic plan
- Proof of proper business standing

Loan Amount: $5K - $100K

- Borrowers can apply for loans ranging from $5,000 - $100,000 capped at 3% interest

Allowed Uses

- Buy vehicle or inventory
- Remodel your store
- Refinance predatory debt
- Finance business succession
- Convert to worker co-op

Timeline

- Early October 2022: Loan applications open
- October 11, 12, 20, and 25: Informational sessions
- Applications accepted and funded on a rolling basis
- December 1, 2022: Deadline for first round applications
- We will offer rolling funding cycles each year for the next two years.

Get in Touch

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Collective Real Estate Ownership (CREO) Funding

Through Open for Business, The Miami Foundation is supporting historically underinvested, small businesses and nonprofits to help build resilience and generational wealth. Funded with a $20 million grant from Wells Fargo, The Miami Foundation and community-based lending partner, Partners for Self Employment, will distribute grants and loans to nonprofits and small businesses across Miami-Dade County to support their acquisition of critical assets, such as technology, equipment, machinery, inventory, and property.

**Funding Eligibility**

- Collaborative of historically underserved small businesses and/or nonprofits in Miami-Dade County
- Must be located in one of the Miami Open for Business target neighborhoods
- Must institute a shared, collective ownership model (e.g., community land trust, co-operative, etc.)
- Must be in operation for at least 2 years
- Must be in good financial standing, proof of proper business registration
- Priority given to organizations that provide a community benefit and offer quality jobs
- For first round of funding, priority given to collaboratives that are prepared to engage in real estate acquisition process and can provide equity contribution

**Prepare to Apply**

- Collaboratives to apply through The Miami Foundation
- Detailed project timeline and budget
- Collective ownership governance model
- Details on proposed subject property
- Proof of, or plans to, secure financing
- Roster of participant businesses and/or nonprofits
- Financial statements, operating budget, and cash flow projections
- Business or strategic plan

**Funding Amount: up to $500K**

- Recoverable grant not to exceed $500,000 per collaborative application

**Available to Cover**

- Up to 20% down payment
- Can include select closing costs, such as title and lender fees, commission, etc.
- Will be disbursed at closing
- Funding recipients should be prepared to pay out of pocket: inspection, appraisal fees, earnest money deposit

**Timeline**

- Early October 2022: Applications open
- October 18 and 20, 2022: Informational sessions
- November 28, 2022: First round application deadline
- December 2022: Funding announced
- We will offer two funding cycles each year for the next two years.

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October 6, 2022

The Miami Foundation Open for Business Program Now Available to Help Strengthen Historically Underserved Small Businesses in Miami-Dade County

Foundation distributing grants and loans for small business assets and real estate, with support from $20M Wells Fargo donation

First round of applications now open

MIAMI, October 6, 2022 – The Miami Foundation, one of the largest philanthropic institutions in South Florida, announced today the official opening of the Miami Open for Business program to support historically underserved small business owners in Miami-Dade County. Funded with a $20 million grant from Wells Fargo announced earlier this year, the program aims to empower nonprofits and small businesses to build generational wealth and resilience through the purchase and ownership of critical business assets, such as property, equipment, and technology.

Eligible non-profits and small businesses can now apply at miamipenforbusiness.org for a variety of grants and loans. Together with The Miami Foundation’s community-based lending partner, Partners for Self Employment, Miami Open for Business is offering three unique funding opportunities:

- **Microgrants for Technology and Equipment**: Grants up to $20,000 for nonprofits and small businesses to purchase hardware, software, machinery, and equipment.
- **Asset Building Loans for Entrepreneurs (ABLE) Fund**: Low-interest, patient financing from $5,000 to $100,000 for nonprofits and small businesses to acquire vehicles or inventory, renovate or remodel space, refinance predatory debt taken on for asset building, succession financing, or worker co-operative conversion.
- **Collective Real Estate Ownership (CREO) Funding**: Down payment assistance up to $500,000 for shared commercial real estate in historically underinvested neighborhoods and corridors to root community businesses and nonprofits.

The first round of Microgrant applications is due November 7th, while applications for Collective Real Estate Funding are due on November 28th, with funding decisions announced in December. Loan applications will be accepted and disbursed on a rolling basis through December 1st, or until annual funding allocations are met. Funding cycles will continue twice annually for the following two years. Basic eligibility requirements for Miami-Dade nonprofits and small businesses to apply include being owned or led by an individual(s) from a historically underserved background (i.e., Black, Latino, LGBTQ, veteran, person with disabilities), and having been in existence for at least 2 years. Microgrant and Loan applicants must also have less than $1M in annual revenue or operating budget. Additional eligibility requirements are mentioned at miamipenforbusiness.org.

“Minority-led small businesses and nonprofits were hit the hardest during the pandemic and continue to face deep disparities in seeking access to capital, resources and other assistance,” says Rebecca Fishman Lipsey, President and CEO of The Miami Foundation. “It is our priority to address historic
inequities and to help build generational wealth for these business owners and their families. This transformational investment from Wells Fargo will support a stable future for diverse small businesses, who are the lifeblood of our community.”

“Accelerating the growth of small businesses is essential for building generational wealth and vibrant communities,” said Jenny Flores, head of small business growth philanthropy for Wells Fargo. “We’re excited to help open up a new avenue for capital and expertise through the Miami Foundation and its partners.”

“Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy,” said Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. “By giving small business owners the means to own and control more of their assets, we help create an accessible path to generational wealth building. With this investment from Wells Fargo and leadership from The Miami Foundation, we’ll both strengthen our small business ecosystem and build the financial resilience of minority-led businesses countywide.”

“The Open for Business Program by the Miami Foundation is concrete proof that we are building a city that Works for Everyone,” said Mayor Francis Suarez. “By providing minority business owners cutting-edge resources and opportunities, such as the Micro Grants for Technology, Equipment and Machinery, we are creating new avenues for those who have been historically left behind to build generational prosperity and a guaranteed seat at the table in the economy of tomorrow.”

The initiative is a part of Wells Fargo’s national Open for Business Fund, a roughly $420 million national small business recovery effort for racially and ethnically diverse small business owners who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. To maintain the passion and prioritization of collective impact and inclusion for these small businesses, The Miami Foundation engaged a Small Business Stakeholder Advisory Group, a leadership circle of local visionaries with deep expertise about the small business ecosystem, alongside dozens of community stakeholders to inform and advise on the strategic thinking of the program.

If you wish to learn more information about the initiative and application requirements, please visit miamiopenforbusiness.org or contact OFBMediaTeam@golin.com.

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