THE MIAMI FOUNDATION

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Key Highlights

State of Miami's Nonprofit Sector 2025

What Generosity Reveals About Miami's Nonprofit Sector

Miami nonprofits operate the vital services our community depends on, from hospitals to schools, housing programs, food banks, faith-based spaces, and disaster response networks. To understand and strengthen this sector, The Miami Foundation gathered data from nonprofits through Give Miami Day, Miami's largest annual giving event. This is what that data reveals about Miami's nonprofits and the community that supports them.

ABOUT THIS DATA

1,466 nonprofits shared data with us through the Give Miami Day registration process. Though this does not represent every nonprofit in Miami-Dade County, it is the largest and most current pulse of the sector available. Data on nonprofit operations are as of October 2025; data on donations are as of November 2025. Full findings are available here.

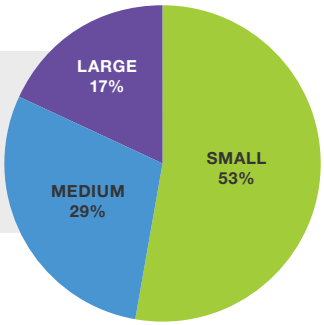
SMALL NONPROFITS MAKE UP HALF OF MIAMI'S NONPROFIT ECOSYSTEM

The most represented mission areas across all nonprofits include Education & Youth, Arts & Culture, and Health & Wellness.

NONPROFITS BY BUDGET SIZE, 2025

Small Budgets less than $250,000
Medium Budgets between $250,000 and $2.5M
Large Budgets greater than $2.5M

N = 1,466 nonprofits

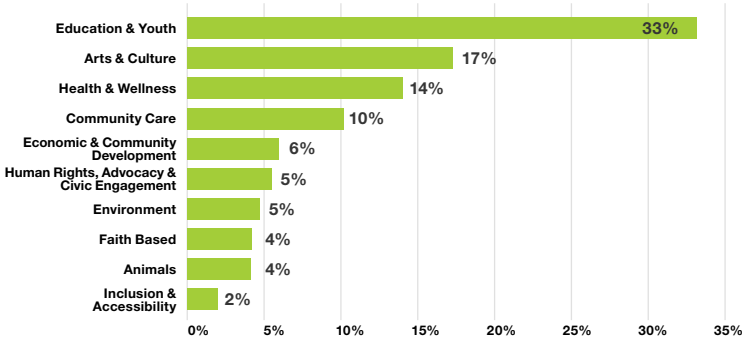


Nonprofits self-categorize their mission area annually during the Give Miami Day registration process.

Descriptions of mission areas are available at **givemiamiday.org/p/category** *descriptions.*

The majority of nonprofits serve broad populations: 54% serve the general population, and a similar share serve youth and children.

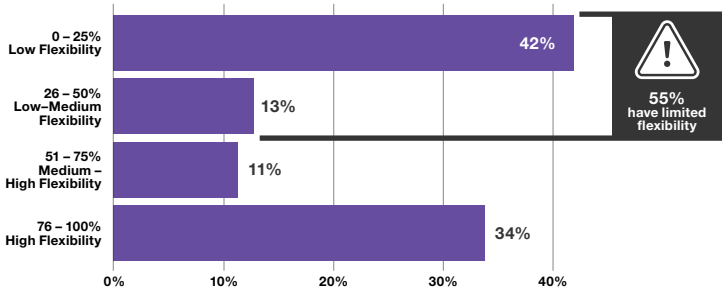
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BY MISSION AREA, 2025



MANY NONPROFITS ARE NAVIGATING REAL FINANCIAL PRESSURE, INCLUDING LIMITED BUDGET FLEXIBILITY

Budget flexibility relates to the ability of nonprofits to make decisions about where to allocate their funds, and that flexibility depends on whether their funding comes with restrictions. Restricted funding means a donor or grantor specifies exactly what their contribution can be used for, such as a program, a project, a specific expense, as opposed to unrestricted or general operating support, which a nonprofit can allocate wherever it's needed most. More than half of Miami's nonprofits operate with limited budget flexibility, which we define as having anywhere from 0 to 50% of an annual budget being unrestricted or fully flexible.

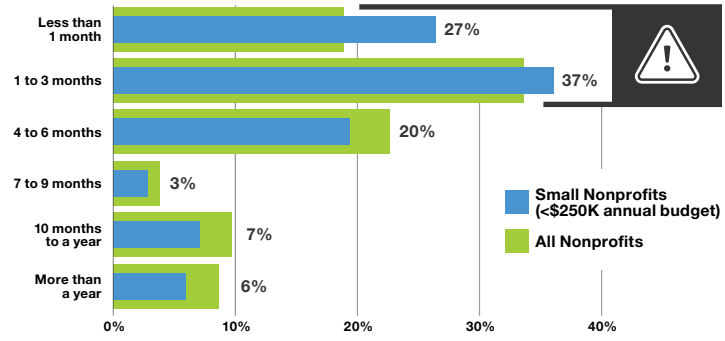
PERCENT OF UNRESTRICTED BUDGET, 2025



MORE THAN HALF OF MIAMI NONPROFITS HAVE THREE MONTHS OR LESS OF CASH RESERVES

More than half of Miami nonprofits are operating with three months or less of cash reserves, including nearly one in five with a month or less on hand. That risk is not evenly shared: small nonprofits face the steepest exposure, with 27% having a month or less of cash reserves, compared to less than 7% of large nonprofits. Limited cash reserves translate to organizations having almost no cushion to absorb a delayed grant payment, an unexpected expense, or a donor loss.

MONTHS OF CASH RESERVES BY NONPROFIT SIZE, 2025



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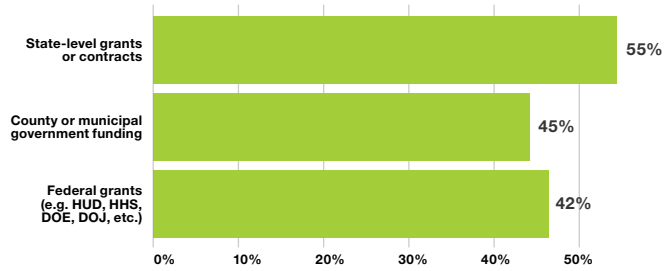
NEARLY ONE-QUARTER OF MIAMI NONPROFITS EXPERIENCED PUBLIC-SECTOR BUDGET CUTS LAST YEAR

Organizations that faced public-sector budget cuts saw the majority coming from state-level grants or contracts (55%). Anticipated impacts on nonprofits include program reductions, organizational restructuring, and staffing cuts. A similar number, nearly one-quarter, of nonprofit organizations expect public-sector funding through 2026.

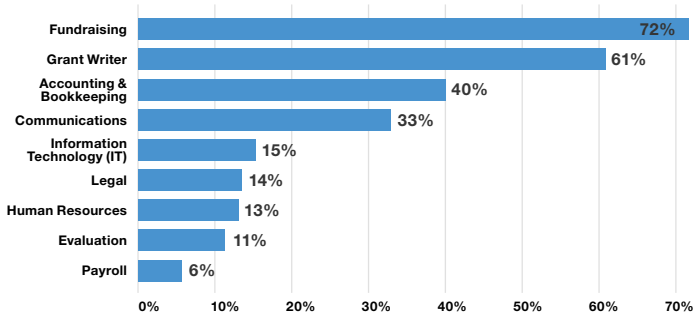
SOURCE OF PUBLIC-SECTOR BUDGET CUTS, 2025



NONPROFIT LEADERS HAVE CLEAR IDEAS ABOUT WHAT WOULD HELP THEM GROW

Shared services let nonprofits access specialized expertise, such as fundraising or legal support, without the cost of a full-time hire. By pooling resources across organizations, nonprofits can share a single expert's time in ways that are affordable individually and sustainable for the professional providing the service. With increased access to shared services, nonprofit leaders are most interested in fundraising, grant writing, and back-office support.

FEE-BASED SERVICES NONPROFITS SEEK, 2025



MIAMI HAS RESPONDED: GENEROSITY IN THE REGION CONTINUES TO GROW

In 2025, Miami achieved record levels of giving: 60,130 households (unique donors) raised $43.8M in fully flexible, unrestricted funds for nonprofits all over Miami-Dade County through Give Miami Day, with an average of two donations per household (120,970 donations in 2025). **That growth has been consistent over time. It's made Give Miami Day the largest single-city giving day in the country, and it is your invitation to join us on Give Miami Day (November 19, 2026) to continue strengthening Miami's indispensable nonprofit sector.**

NUMBER OF UNIQUE DONORS

17K IN 2015 → **60K** IN 2025

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED

$7M IN 2015 → **$43.8M** IN 2025

Give Miami Day is powered by the volume of small gifts combined with large donors who drive the financial scale of the day.
Across all mission areas, the majority of donations (by transaction count) were under $100. The next largest category were donations under $250.

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