

A Resource Guide for South Florida Businesses Struggling During the Coronavirus Pandemic

- For statewide business recovery resources for South Florida companies impacted by coronavirus, [click here](#). For local charitable gestures, [click here](#).
- The **Miami Dade Beacon Council** launched its [COVID-19 Business Resource Center page](#) to provide local companies with information on damage assessment, emergency loans, short-term compensation and more.
- The **Miami Foundation's** Community Recovery Fund is assisting nonprofits in need of financial support during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here](#) for details.
- [Click here](#) for the **Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance of Broward County's** website, which features a myriad of resources, including links to audio recordings of its Broward Business Leaders COVID-19 Information Calls and assistance programs for businesses, including local, state and federal agencies.
- **Miami International Airport**, in coordination with federal and local agencies, has [information for travelers and employees](#) related to travel restrictions, quarantine orders and more related to the coronavirus.
- For businesses in Palm Beach County, the **Business Development Board of Palm Beach County** has [a page on its website](#) for business resources.
- **United Way of Miami-Dade County** and the *Miami Herald/el Nuevo Herald* launched the Miami Pandemic Response Fund to help small businesses and families. The **Health Foundation of South Florida**, **The Miami Foundation**, the **Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau** and the **Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation** came together to provide seed funding of \$500,000. The fund will address the short-term impact on working families with emergency needs (i.e., rent/mortgage assistance, food, medication, etc.) and issue micro-grants to small businesses. [Click here](#) for more information or to donate.
- The **Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau** has a page offering [assistance for the tourism industry](#), including relief efforts, job and community resources, and a link to coronavirus updates.
- Visit **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport's** [advisory page](#) for preventive measures in place at FLL, travel time recommendations, flight cancellations and delays, and frequently asked airport-related questions prompted by the coronavirus.
- The **Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce** offers resources in its Coronavirus Business Relief Guide [here](#).
- [Check out](#) the **Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau's** advisory page for the latest updates on the region's hotels, beaches, restaurants, shopping, transportation, large public events that have been cancelled or postponed, and more.
- Accounting and advisory services firm **Marcum** has launched the [Marcum Coronavirus Resource Center](#) to keep business owners and executives abreast of business-critical developments linked to COVID-19. It includes content ranging from news alerts to informative analyses on regulatory developments, webinar announcements, including guidance on SBA loan opportunities and business valuations in the face of the pandemic.
- **Oolite Arts** launched a relief fund for Miami-Dade County visual artists impacted by COVID-19. Residents can now apply for up to \$500 in relief through the Oolite Arts Relief Fund. With \$25,000

in seed funding, it will cover lost income due to the cancellation of specific, scheduled employment (whether in the cultural arts sector or not) or a professional artistic opportunity, including commissions and exhibitions. The funding will be dispersed on a rolling basis, with applications accepted through April 16. [Click here](#) to apply.

- **SCORE Broward** is offering support to the small business community by offering free online workshops that can be view from home. [Click here](#) for a listing of upcoming workshops and events.
- Assurance, tax and financial advisory services firm **BDO** has a [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Impact and Risk Response Guide](#) on its website. The guide aims to provide insights into the relevant impacts of COVID-19. It gives general risk response guidance for companies to consider when deploying business continuity planning measures to combat the pandemic and maintain the agility to overcome the difficulties faced.
- **Brightstar Credit Union** is doing a weekly Visa card money giveaway on social media in support of individuals and locals who have been affected by COVID-19 through April 17. Participants must be following Brightstar on Facebook or Instagram at @BrightstarCU, comment why they deserve to win and tag three friends in each post. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Our Fund Foundation** launched the Our Fund Resilience Fund, which will provide help to LGBTQ+ nonprofits in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties whose operations are severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Business litigation, employment law and personal injury firm **Pike & Lustig LLP**, which has offices in West Palm Beach and Miami, set up a toll-free hotline – 866-745-3529 – so businesses and organizations can ask questions about navigating the coronavirus crisis. Attorneys speak English and Spanish.
- [COVID Response](#), a website built by **Solodev**, offers free website tools that small businesses can use to keep audiences informed.
- West Palm Beach-based digital marketing agency **Digital Resource** is offering free select services to assist businesses amid growing COVID-19 impact. Until April 30, businesses can claim free website maintenance and hosting, and free outsourced LiveChat management for 60 days. Call 561-429-2585 or email covid19@yourdigitalresouce.com.
- The **Miami Downtown Development Authority, South Beach Wine & Food Festival** and **Florida International University's Chaplin School of Hospitality Management** founded the Hospitality Industry Relief Fund, which will provide immediate financial support totaling more than \$1 million to independently owned and operated restaurants and bars in downtown Miami that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Qualifying restaurants will be selected to receive grants on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications can be completed [here](#).
- The **North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency** is creating two emergency relief grant programs for city businesses that have been severely impacted and are facing challenging times. The Emergency Relief for Essential Business Program, already available, will provide 25 businesses deemed essential by Miami-Dade County and the City of North Miami Offices of Emergency Management with grants of up to \$1,000 each. The Emergency Relief to Jump Start Businesses Program will provide 120 businesses with grants of up to \$5,000 for future operational expenses: rent, payroll, communications, etc. It will come into effect once the disaster declaration has been lifted and the board of the NMCRA approves it. Candidates must have applied for the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan and Florida Disaster Loan, so document proof of the application with receipt is necessary. Businesses interested in either program should call 305-895-9839 or email cragrants@northmiamifl.gov to receive instructions on how to complete the applications.

- **Entrepreneurs' Organization South Florida** has launched a [You Are Not Alone](#) initiative to help area businesses survive, then thrive, despite the economic fallout from the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis. The organization is offering free webinars and additional resources.
- **CareerSource South Florida** launched the Regional Reemployment Assistance Hub in partnership with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Giménez, Monroe County officials, the Miami-Dade County Library System and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to afford people in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties alternative unemployment filing methods. The call center will operate daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For assistance, call 305-929-1547. Downloadable applications are also available online at www.floridajobsresources.com.
- The **National YoungArts Foundation**, based in Miami, launched the YoungArts Emergency Microgrant program to support YoungArts alumni who are experiencing loss of income due to the cancellation of scheduled professional engagements or unexpected expenses related to COVID-19 precautionary measures. The \$1,000 grants will be distributed in three cycles from April through June 2020. Applications will be selected using a lottery system, with the goal of awarding more than 80 emergency microgrants each cycle. [Click here](#) to apply.
- [Click here to go to our Small Business Resource Guide](#) for South Florida's small and midsize businesses seeking help during the coronavirus pandemic.