Small Business Resources

Greater North Miami Chamber of Commerce
Extensive yet intimate network of business leaders in North Miami that can help with marketing, general questions and guidance. This is the main Chamber of Commerce for those looking to get connected with other business owners in the City of North Miami.
Contact: Germain Bebe, CEO
(305) 891-7811  
ceo@northmiamichamber.com  
northmiamichamber.com

National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and Youth (NANAY)
An important nonprofit community development center in the heart of Downtown North Miami. National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and Youth provides community support and information related to home financing, workforce development, and community and economic development.
Contact: Evelyn Bruce, CEO
(305) 981-3232  
evelynbruce@gmail.com  
www.nanay.com

Miami-Dade County Small Business Development Division
Hosts events educating small businesses about grants, training, and other necessary skills. The Miami-Dade County Small Business Development Division is the County’s resource for helping small businesses, and it’s responsible for awarding contracts for compliance with local city ordinances.
Contact: Lawanda Wright-Robinson, Technical Assistance Coordinator
(305) 375-3186  
wlawand@miamidade.gov  
www.miamidade.gov/smallbusiness

The Miami Foundation
A civic leadership organization with many resources in different categories. The Miami Foundation has distributed more than $170 million in grant money.
Contact: Victoria Fear, Programs Officer
(305) 371-2711  
vfear@miamifoundation.org  
www.miamifoundation.org

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)
Work to ensure equitable participation in economic growth among Miami-Dade’s black community. MDEAT holds workshops and training sessions as well as sponsorships for specific economic development initiatives.
Contact: John E. Dixon Jr., Executive Director
(305) 375-5661  
MDEATInfo@miamidade.gov  
www.miamidade.gov/economicadvocacytrust

FIU Small Business Development Center
A “one stop shop” that local residents can get to nearby for information and resources for small businesses at any stage, from entrepreneurs looking to start a business to seasoned business owners looking to grow their business and learn more.
Contact: SBDC FIU Consultant Team
(305) 779-9230  
sbdc@fiu.edu  
business.fiu.edu/centers/sbdc
**SCORE**
Offers network of business mentors as well as other resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners. SCORE provides resources, funding, and guidance for those looking to start businesses as well.
Contact: Miami Dade SCORE Office
(786) 425-9119  admin@scoremiami.org  www.score.org

**Small Business Administration (SBA)**
Federal agency with wealth of information and loan/grant programs available for those who qualify. SBA is the primary resource for any small business owner or entrepreneur looking to start or expand their business.
Contact: SBA, South Florida District Office
(305) 536-5521  SouthFlorida.DO@sba.gov  www.sba.gov

**Dun & Bradstreet**
A goldmine for data and information. Dun & Bradstreet has records on more than 240 million businesses, and if your business is legally operating within the State of Florida, you have a Dun & Bradstreet number. Find your number on their website.
Contact: Dustin Luther, Director of Engagement
(310) 919-2207  lutherd@dnb.com  www.dnb.com

**Financing**

**Green Business Rehabilitation Grant**
A matching grant program through the City of North Miami to help small businesses. Up to $5,000 matching grant to retrofit existing operations and lower bills. Contact me for details.
Contact: Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager
(305) 893-6511 ext. 12164  sblatt@northmiamifl.gov

**NW 7th Avenue Façade Revitalization Grant Program**
A City grant that allows NW 7th avenue property owners to apply for up to $80,000 in matching grant funds.
Contact: Sam Blatt, Economic Development Manager
(305) 893-6511 ext. 12164  sblatt@northmiamifl.gov
www.northmiamifl.gov/departments/cpd/economic_development.aspx#facade

**Community Redevelopment Agency**
Provides matching grants to improve the interior and exterior of businesses as well as other improvements and incentives for redevelopment in the CRA-designated area.
Contact: Rasha Soray-Cameau, Director
(305) 893-6511 ext. 12110  rsoraycameau@northmiamifl.gov  www.northmiamicra.org

**Partners for Self Employment**
Aids new business owners and those in need of assistance who would not be able to qualify for a by traditional loan. Has dealt with over 8,000 clients in Dade and Broward counties, and is certified by the Small Business Administration.
Contact: Cornell Crews, Program Director
(305) 438-1407 ext. 215  cornell@partnersforselfemployment.org partnersforselfemployment.org
Tools for Change
With a focus on empowering minority business owners, Tools for Change is a one-stop shop for resources, training, and financing in Miami-Dade County. Whether you have questions about starting a business or have been in business for years and are looking for new ideas and resources, Tools for Change help businesses at any stage of development.
Contact: Leroy Jones, Executive Director
(305) 756-0605 nanasjohnson@bellsouth.net www.tfcmiami.org

Strategies for Funding
Provides professional development, data management, grant writing, and sources of funding. Strategies for Funding is a For-Profit start-up and entrepreneurial consulting business that focuses on giving you expertise and resources to manage your business. Free information sessions provided.
Contact: Pastor Dawkins
(786) 274-2032 adawkins@strategiesforfunding.com www.strategiesforfunding.com

Miami Dade County Grant Coordination
A webpage on the Miami Dade county website that regularly updates the latest grant opportunities in multiple fields. miamidade.gov/wps/portal/Main/grants

The Knight Foundation
Seeks to promote entrepreneurs, innovators and agents of change who are shaping the region's future. Has grants available to dynamic and innovative businesses. A national organization that was originally founded in Miami.
Contact: Matt Haggman, Program Director, Miami
(305) 908-2643 haggman@knightfoundation.org www.knightfoundation.org

10,000 Small Businesses
A partnership between Miami Dade County and Goldman Sachs to provide entrepreneurs in Miami, Florida with funding, mentorship, and resources to start ups and new businesses.
Contact: Maurice Gray, Director of Business Support Services
(305) 237-7824 mgray2@mdc.edu www.mdc.edu/10ksb

Enterprise Florida
A state-wide public private partnership that offers a wealth of resources as well as funding opportunities through grants, loans, and investment. Enterprise Florida also offers workforce development and other resources beyond financing options.
Contact: Bill Spivey, VP Capital Programs
(407) 956-5695 www.enterpriseflorida.com/small-business

YGrene Clean Energy Green Corridor Financing
Offers financing for energy efficiency and other green initiative improvements to your business. Loan is paid back through property taxes and allows for long-term financing.
Contact: Support Team, Florida
(855) 965-7283 info@ygreneworks.com ygreneworks.com/commercial/
**LiftFund**
A non-profit organization that helps with fund entrepreneurs and small business owners. Has distributed nearly $200 million in loans.
Contact: LiftFund Team
(888) 215-2373 info@liftfund.com www.liftfund.com

**Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency**
programs.dsireusa.org/system/program?state=FL

**Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)**
Federal agency that provides loans and grants to innovative small businesses.
Contact: Help/Support
(571) 306-5201 www.sbir.gov

**Shared Capital Cooperative**
National loan fund that provides cooperative financing for small businesses. Focuses on co-ops in economically disadvantaged communities.
Contact: Shared Capital Cooperative Headquarters
(612) 767-2100 info@sharedcapital.coop sharedcapital.coop

**Technical Assistance/Workforce Training**

**Career Source South Florida**
Provides access to training programs to obtain new marketable and employable skills. Career Source South Florida also provides funding assistance and scholarships to participate.
Contact: Miriam Zeno, Supervisor/EEO Officer
(305) 654-7175 ext. 247 miriam.zeno@careersourcefl.com
www.careersourcesfl.com/training-occupations

**Miami Dade College- School of Continuing Education**
Provides educational opportunities and workforce training for professionals. Disperses certifications, training, and applicable workforce skills.
Contact: Charles McGinnis, Director
(305) 237-0651 www.mdc.edu/ce

**Apex Training Center**
Provides training courses and teaching classes in HVAC technical skills. Apex Training Center helps develop highly skilled professionals from all walks of life to improve their employment opportunities.
Contact: Stephane Lherisson, Director
(786) 463-2139 stephanewlherisson6@gmail.com
South Dade Technical College
Provides training and education with over a dozen career education certifications ranging from healthcare and education to mechanical work.
Contact: Mr. Phaion P. Hicks, Assistant Principal
(305) 248-5723  phaionhicks@dadeschools.net  sdec.dadeschools.net

Florida Technical College
Provides online and in-person education ranging from Bachelors’ Degrees to Certifications. Florida Technical College also provides resources for job placement and on-the-job training.
Contact: Pembroke Pines Campus
(888) 779-2572  www.ftccollege.edu

Forging Alliances
For-profit grant writing and fundraising consultant firm. Forging Alliances will help any type of business write grants, raise money, and identifying other sources of funding for an hourly fee.
Contact: Alexander Easdale, Principal
(754) 779-1991  forgingalliances.usa@gmail.com  www.forgingalliancesconsulting.com

For-Profit Lenders
We Florida Financial
Contact: Robert Walker, Mortgage Loan Officer
(954) 304-7253  rwalker@wefloridafinancial.com  www.wefloridafinancial.com

OrangeFi
Contact: Andre Walter, Executive Vice President
(954) 292-3328  andre@orangefi.com  www.orangefi.com

Fusion Capital
Contact: John Gabler
(305) 907-6153 ext. 127  john.g@fusionadvances.com  www.fusionadvances.com

Money Man 4 Business
Contact: John (JJ) Guillory, Chief Financial Officer
1-(888) 882-2751  jj@moneyman4business.com  www.moneyman4business.com

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(888) 269-4246  info@ondeck.com  www.ondeck.com