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Florida City Commissioners' Meeting

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Health Foundation of South Florida works to make awards that have an impact on improving the health of the largest number of residents possible. That is why the Foundation will make a minimum of a five-figure grant to support a fluoridation project in Florida City.

Florida City is the only municipality in Miami-Dade County, in fact all of South Florida, that does not have fluoridated water. This makes its residents much more vulnerable to tooth decay. Community water fluoridation is an effective, safe and inexpensive way to prevent tooth decay.

Communities with fluoridated drinking water show reductions of 15 – 40 percent less tooth decay. Of 937 Florida City children seen in the Miami-Dade County Health Department's mobile dental van, which the Foundation supports, 56.56% had cavities. These children would have far less risk for cavities if they were drinking fluoridated water.

The Commissioners have an opportunity to make a big impact on the health of their residents, both young and old. Health Foundation of South Florida stands ready to help.

For information please contact Karen Miller, Program Officer & Sr. Grants Manager [kmiller@hfsf.org](mailto:kmiller@hfsf.org) or 305-374-6442.

Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to help all residents in Florida City.

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