

FACT SHEET

HEALTH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA

As the largest not-for-profit grantmaking organization dedicated solely to health in South Florida, we support programs, policies and systems change to make it possible for people to get and stay healthy in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties.



Our Focus

- To invest in lasting solutions in key issues impacting the most people, such as expanding access to quality primary care, behavioral health and promoting healthy lifestyles
- To promote a Culture of Health, where good health flourishes across geographic, demographic and social sectors
- To increase effectiveness, capacity and sustainability of health-related nonprofits to improve the well-being of individuals and communities most in need
- To work with stakeholders to generate and accelerate public policy as well as systems and environmental changes

Priority Areas

To increase the impact of its responsive funding, Health Foundation focuses on three Priority Areas: Behavioral Health, Healthy Eating Active Communities and Primary Care. The Foundation also supports projects that do not fall into these areas through Other Community Health Needs.

Behavioral Health

Investments focus on increasing access to quality mental health and substance abuse services for vulnerable and underserved populations in South Florida. Our strategies include:

- Supporting the integration of primary care and behavioral health services
- Building the capacity of the behavioral health system, through efforts such as quality improvement, management/infrastructure enhancements, or evidence-based programs
- Supporting the consumer and peer movement to offer behavioral health-related support services and advocacy

Healthy Eating Active Communities

Investments focus on increasing activity levels and improving eating habits among children and adults through the implementation of evidence-based educational programs and environmental, policy and system changes. Our strategies include:

- Strengthening provider capacity to implement and sustain nutrition and physical activity evidence-based programs
- Facilitating the adoption of organizational, environmental and systems changes in child care centers, schools and after-school programs
- Supporting changes in the built environment aimed at increasing access to physical activity opportunities
- Supporting programs aimed at improving food distribution systems and increasing access to healthy foods

Primary Care

The Foundation's focus is on the utilization, accessibility and quality of comprehensive services for vulnerable and underserved populations in South Florida. Our strategies include:

- Supporting the sustainable expansion of the health care safety net
- Expanding access and utilization of primary care services
- Increasing the affordability of services for uninsured and underserved individuals
- Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of services to prevent, detect and treat disease

Other Community Health Needs

We support projects that advance our mission yet fit outside our Priority Areas. Examples include: workforce development; health systems data analysis, injury prevention, oral health and preventive health measures.

Special Initiatives



Live Healthy Community Partnerships

Launched in 2014, Live Healthy Community Partnerships is a six-year, \$7.5 million investment in the health of

two Miami-Dade communities: Little Havana and the City of Miami Gardens. As a “place-based” initiative, it addresses the root causes of health, foster the mobilization of key community stakeholders (especially residents) and generate collective, transformative and sustainable impact to improve health community-wide.

Community Building and Economic Prosperity

Conditions in the places where people live, learn, work and play affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. These conditions, commonly referred to as social determinants of health, include access to healthy food, education, transportation, housing and economic development, influence health outcomes.

Health Foundation aims to address social and economic determinants of health by activating regional, business, nonprofit and private organizations to participate in community development and wealth building best practices. We seek to align our efforts with community and economic development indicators, such as the availability of affordable housing; access to educational, economic and job opportunities as well as neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Currently, the Foundation is focused on engaging anchor institutions in community wealth building strategies. Anchor institutions are enterprises, such as universities and hospitals, that are rooted in their local communities by mission, invested capital or relationships to customers, employees, and vendors. Together, we can build a better South Florida for all residents.



Public Policy

Public policy is essential to achieving meaningful changes and building a healthier South Florida. The Foundation assists its grantees, South Florida health coalitions, community activists and policymakers in gathering relevant data and information, analyzing research findings, identifying policy options and supporting advocacy efforts leading to policy improvements aligned with the Foundation’s priority funding areas.

History

Health Foundation of South Florida’s roots trace back to 1960, when Cedars Medical Center (now University of Miami Hospital) was founded as a charitable hospital. It became a grantmaking foundation in 1993, when majority interest of the hospital was sold to Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation. The Foundation received an endowment from the sale and was renamed Health Foundation of South Florida. In 2001, the Foundation sold its remaining interest in Cedars, increasing its endowment from approximately \$50 million to more than \$123 million. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$120 million in grants and program support.

Call to Action

The most dramatic and sustainable improvements invariably involve collaboration. If you are part of an effort to improve the health of South Floridians, please contact us to see how we can work together.

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

– Vince Lombardi

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