



# *Economic Development Division* **MDEAT GRANT ALUMNI NETWORK**

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# THE ALUMNI ADDRESS

Dear MDEAT Grant Community (2023–2025),

As we move forward together, we invite you to pause and reflect on the incredible journey you've undertaken since becoming part of the MDEAT grant family. Whether you joined us in 2023, 2024, or are just getting started in 2025, your commitment to growth, excellence, and community impact is what binds us all.

Take a moment to revisit the goals you set when you applied for your grant. What milestones have you achieved? What challenges have you faced and overcome? Have your plans shifted, and if so, how have you adapted? Progress is not always linear—but every step forward matters.

This chapter, representing our continued journey into 2024 and beyond, is an opportunity to recalibrate and refocus. We encourage all grantees to conduct a thorough business health check-up:

- Are you on track with your financial goals?
- Is your budget working for your vision?
- Are your revenues and expenses aligned with your projections?

Equally important is your brand and marketing strategy. Are your visuals, messaging, and presence still speaking to your ideal customer? What small changes can make a big difference in your visibility and impact?

The MDEAT Grant Community is more than a network—it's a movement. Stay engaged by attending alumni mixers, workshops, and training sessions. Your presence matters, your story matters, and your success fuels the momentum of this entire community.

Above all, take pride in how far you've come. Whether you're in your first year or finishing your final grant term, you are part of a dynamic ecosystem of Black-owned businesses that are shaping the future of Miami-Dade County and beyond.

Being an MDEAT grantee is more than funding—it's about stepping into a legacy of resilience, leadership, and excellence. Together, we are building something greater.

Keep rising, MDEAT Grant Community.

Warm regards,

Economic Development Department

Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)







# 2023-2025 GRANT ALUMNI

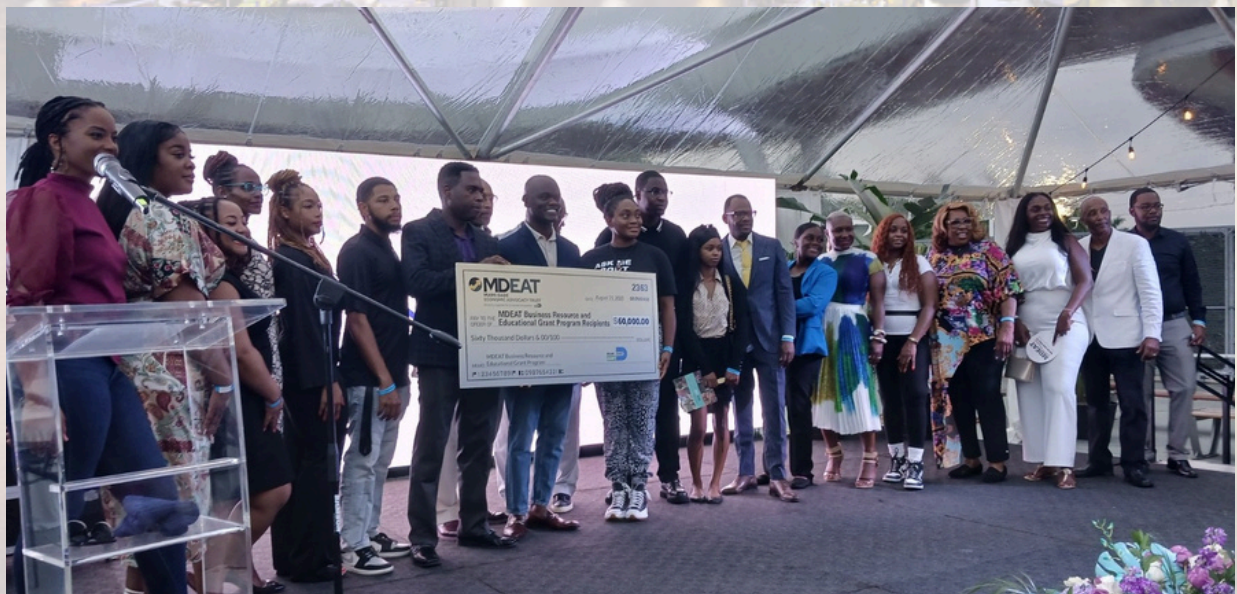
As a valued member of our dynamic and diverse community, we're here to support you on your continued journey toward success. Being part of the MDEAT Grant Program is more than receiving funding—it's a meaningful achievement that reflects your dedication to excellence, innovation, and community impact.

Much like joining the network of an esteemed institution, your alumni status connects you to a legacy of visionary entrepreneurs committed to building wealth, opportunity, and equity across Miami-Dade County and beyond. Let's ensure you're maximizing this opportunity by fulfilling all grant requirements and staying actively engaged with the resources available to you.

**Together, we thrive. Together, we rise.**



**2023 SMALL BUSINESS CAPITALIZATION PROGRAM [\$10K]**



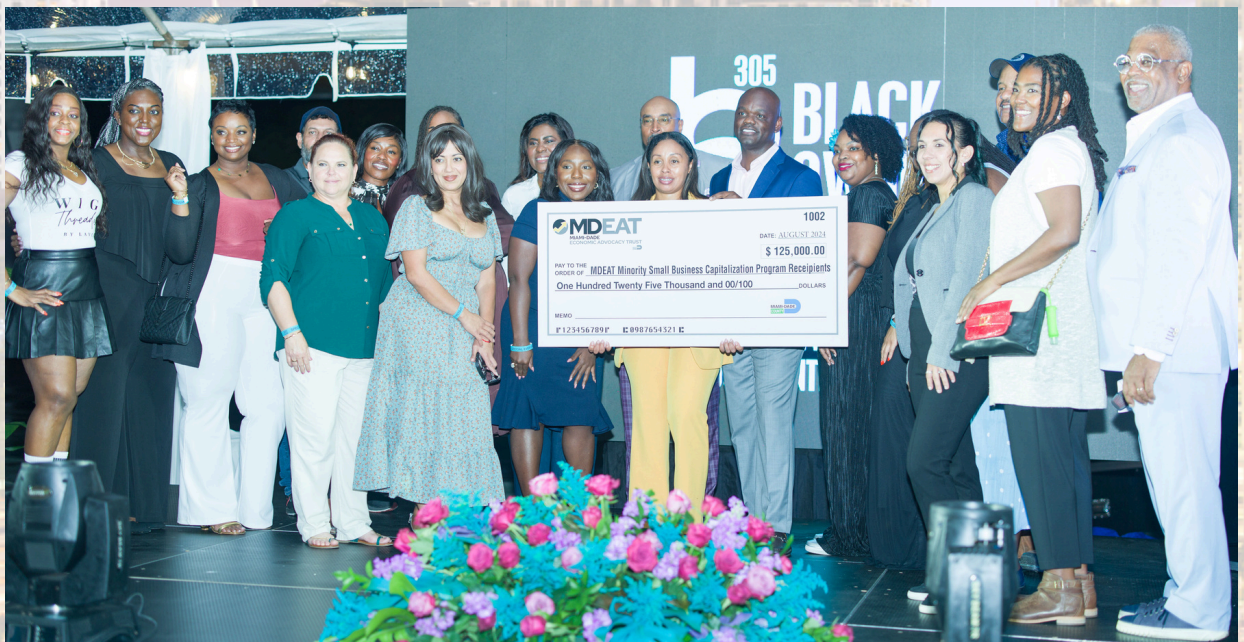
**2023 BUSINESS RESOURCE AND EDUCATION GRANT [START-UP \$2.5K]**



# MDEAT GRANT ALUMNI



**2024 SMALL BUSINESS CAPITALIZATION PROGRAM [\$10K]**



**2024 SMALL BUSINESS CAPITALIZATION PROGRAM [\$5K]**



**2024 BUSINESS RESOURCE AND EDUCATION GRANT [START-UP \$2.5K]**



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# PITCH FEST



# 2025



**Upright Spine Center**  
**1st Place Winner - 15K**



**Sluttyicee's Inc.**  
**2nd Place Winner - 10K**



**Anointed Florist & Gift Shop LLC**  
**3rd Place Winner - 5K**



**PERFECTIONKS**  
**3RD PLACE**  
**SPONSORED WINNER - 2.5K**



# Thank You Pitch Partners





# 2023 Minority Small Black Business Capitalization Grant Alumni [\$10,000]

1. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - United Vertical Blinds, LLC - Desmond Pattern
2. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Juice Defined LLC - Tia Doster
3. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Kulture Klothes, LLC - Maisie McNaught
4. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Intergrated Holdings, Inc. - Olaleye Olawale
5. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Majestic's Vision, Inc. - Phyllis Simpkins
6. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - JP Parking Lot Maintenance Inc. - James Pierre
7. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Jewel Learning, LLC - Candace Clark
8. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Breath of Life Ministry of the Arts, Inc. - Gloria Cohen
9. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - TriMerge Consulting Group, P.A. - Geraldine Lazarre
10. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Brighter Vision Construction & Remodeling, Inc. - Cherie Battle
11. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - The Ascendant Consulting Firm LLC - Jermaine Jones
12. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Miami Mini Riders Transportation, Inc. - Gina Delice
13. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Beauty Trifecta, Inc. - Natasha Nalls
14. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Souls, Inc. - Vivian Whitehead-Phillips
15. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Milton's Services LLC - Earnest Milton
16. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Atis Solar Corporation - Davis Atis
17. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Jean Wallace (National Group Realty) - Jean Wallace
18. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Chef Amina Sunshine LLC - Aminata Ly
19. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - The Financial Stability Group, Inc >> DBA Sam's Car Care - Jeffrey Townsley
20. District 5 - Commissioner Eileen Higgins - Cor-Chitects - Corey Burton
21. District 5 - Commissioner Eileen Higgins - Fat Ronnies Sobe, LLC - Reynaldo Faust
22. District 6 - Commissioner Kevin Cabrera - Avenues of Excellence, Inc. - Rose Hedgemond
23. District 7 - Commissioner Raquel Regalado - Nationwide Printing & More LLC - Stephen Selman
24. District 7 - Commissioner Raquel Regalado - Spoon's Smokehouse BBQ & Bahamian Cuisine - Anthony Witherspoon
25. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - Dunol Engineering Corporation - Olabode Augustine Ajagbe
26. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - The Greater Goulds Optimist Club - Enid Damps
27. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - King Green All Purpose Landscaping, LLC - Ervin Slaton-Lawrence
28. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - Terrecon Design & Construction, Inc. - Jorade Jackson
29. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Growing Angels, Inc. - Tina Ali
30. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Bam Events, LLC - Yakethia Clark
31. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Branch Enterprise Inc. - Evans Branch
32. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Fit Enterprises, Inc. - Natalie Rowe
33. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Sweet Home Community Builders Inc. - Theo Johnson
34. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Extensions of Her, LLC - Carol Sutton
35. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Jubilee Gap Enterprises LLC - Olivia Cutting
36. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Grant Family Empire LLC - Chankevia Bassa
37. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Above Average Lawn Service LLC - William Merrill

# Grant Alumni



# **2023 Business Resource and Education Grant Alumni [\$2,500]**

1. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - CoSpace - Joycelyn St Clair
2. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - Place of Aroma - Carol Edmond
3. District 1 - Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III - YQP Cleaning Services - Yasmine Quinones
4. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Andris Charles Shipping B&S Services, LLC - Andris Charles
5. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - June Alexander Crochet - Alexis J. Sturgis
6. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - L.B. Tech Management (DBA own by Latela Blue) - Latela Blue
7. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Medlife Massage - Hans Stephen
8. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - The Gala Empire LLC - Kenneth Bodie Jr. & Anabelle Duncan
9. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - The Opulent Gallery - Max H. Cadet
10. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Turn Up Tents LLC - Labarrius Williams
11. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Wood Handy Man LLC - Yves James Casseus
12. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Sylotte's Cuisine, LLC - Winer Deriphonse
13. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - A & D Business Services LLC - Ariel C. Robertson
14. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - The Break Room Miami - Christina Brown-Simpson
15. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - DAO Queen Corp - Ashley Caines
16. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Cluckin Right Chicken LLC - Mathieu A. Saint-Louis
17. District 4 - Commissioner Micky Steinberg - The Solutionist LLC - Michou Jean
18. District 5 - Commissioner Eileen Higgin - Citro Brands LLC - Early Morning Coffee - Emmanuel Carrie
19. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - Skin Candy Bath & Body - Marilyn Viruet
20. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Annette Taylor Trading Company - Max Duroseau
21. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Auntie's Key to Life Juice Bar - Celeste Wells
22. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Desires Boutique - Olimpia Scott Kearney
23. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Her Beauty Bar - Carol Sutton Brown
24. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - My North Node LLC - Melissa Bennett
25. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - The Rev. James and Betty Bush Family Foundation - Tyisha Anthony
26. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Threaded by Lavish - Gasline Dessources
27. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - User Xperience Catering, LLC - Rossi Siewnarine
28. District 13 - Commissioner René Garcia - The Healing Balm Holistic Wellness LLC - Cameren Watson

# **2024 Small Black Business Capitalization Grantees [\$10,000]**

1. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Popo's LLC - Qualice Eillington
2. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Pixxels Inc - Stanley Lloyd
3. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Treats & EatZ LLC - Andrea Jones
4. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Lou Foundation Incorporated - Fabiola Richardson
5. District 2 - Commissioner Marleine Bastien - Focus Learning Academy, Inc - Ruth Smith
6. District 3 - Commissioner Keon Hardemon - Kenzie Leon Perry, Inc - Kenzie Leon Perry
7. District 8 - Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins - Upright Spine Center, LLC - Amber Williams
8. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Tidy Pets, LLC - Kamilah Moss
9. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Sluttyicee's Inc - Arias Austin
10. District 9 - Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee - Fade Away Miami, LLC - Neeko Veargis



# 2024 Small Black Business Capitalization Grant Alumni [\$5,000]

1	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	EC SERVICE PROVIDER LLC
2	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	HANDS ON DEVELOPMENT
3	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	KRISTIMA DBA MAUDS PLACE ALF
4	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	MED RESCUE CPR INC
5	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	PLACE OF AROMA LLC
6	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	PASSIONFIRE ENTERPRISES LLC
7	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	DREAM CLEAN LLC
8	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	SHE GOT GAME MEDIA LLC
9	DISTRICT 4 - COMMISSIONER MICKY STEINBERG	BEAUTY BY TEE LLC
10	DISTRICT 5 - COMMISSIONER EILEEN HIGGINS	ITALIAN VICE LLC
11	DISTRICT 5 - COMMISSIONER EILEEN HIGGINS	AZZEZ BAKARE STUDIOS LLC
12	DISTRICT 5 - COMMISSIONER EILEEN HIGGINS	MIAMI NERDS LLC
13	DISTRICT 5 - COMMISSIONER EILEEN HIGGINS	THE BURDHAM GROUP, LLC
14	DISTRICT 5 - COMMISSIONER EILEEN HIGGINS	JNCY JEWELERS LLC
15	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	ALABAO ROOFING SERVICE CORP
16	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	SOUTH FLORIDA FITNESS PALMETTO BAY INC
17	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	HOPE 4 TOMORROW FOUNDATION INC
18	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	THE BROTHERS KITCHEN GRILL, LLC
19	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	THREADED BY LAVISH INC
20	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	KINGDOM BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC
21	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	CHUCKIEE BOY PARTY EXPRESS
22	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	ADIVAS DREAM BOUTIQUE LLC
23	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	LIFESTYLE GEAR LLC
24	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	YOUNG DREAMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH
25	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	THE MASTER RESOURCE, LLC



# 2024 Business Resource and Education Grant Alumni [\$2,500]

1	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	ILASH OUT AESTHETICS LLC
2	DISTRICT 1 - CHAIRMAN OLIVER G. GILBERT, III	4DS TASTY SWEETS & TREATS INCORPORATED
3	DISTRICT 2 - COMMISSIONER MARLEINE BASTIEN	CENTER FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS AND TREATMENT OF TRAUMA, INC.
4	DISTRICT 2 - COMMISSIONER MARLEINE BASTIEN	DESSOURCES THERAPEUTIC TOUCH INC
5	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	IAMFABULOUS LLC
6	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	STRATEGIES AND TEA LLC
7	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	GRUB&LUXURY S.CORP
8	DISTRICT 4 - COMMISSIONER MICKY STEINBERG	CHIRO-S-N-MOTION LLC
9	DISTRICT 4 - COMMISSIONER MICKY STEINBERG	MOONWATERGODDESSTAROT LLC
10	DISTRICT 4 - COMMISSIONER MICKY STEINBERG	ALMIGHTYGODSTLO, LLC
11	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	SHERMEZ LOGISTICS LLC
12	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	ROCK YOUR BODY FITNESS STUDIO, LLC
13	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY PARTY RENTALS, LLC
14	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	REST ASSURED HOME CARE LLC
15	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	MACARON DREAMS CATERING, LLC
16	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	THE LONDON AID PROJECT CORP
17	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	ONE ROYAL EFFECT FOUNDATION INC
18	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	MADAME LILY INC
19	DISTRICT 13 - COMMISSIONER RENÉ GARCIA	NIECAT BLESSINGS ACADEMY INCORPORATED

## 2025 Pitch Fest Competition

1	DISTRICT 3 - COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON	ANOINTED FLORIST & GIFT SHOP LLC 3RD PLACE WINNER - 5K
2	DISTRICT 8 - COMMISSIONER DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS	UPRIGHT SPINE CENTER 1ST PLACE WINNER - 15K
3	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	SLUTTYICEE'S INC. 2ND PLACE WINNER - 10K
4	DISTRICT 9 - COMMISSIONER KIONNE L. MCGHEE	PERFECTIONKS THE IDEA CENTER SPONSORED WINNER - 2.5K





# The Checklist

Compliance | Accountability | Growth

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In an effort to ensure compliance, accountability and business growth, we are gathering information on your business's overall revenue increase, job creation, and business expansion.

We kindly request that you submit the following documents by deadline:

- ✓ **Original Letter of Intent:** Your initial application outlining your project's goals and objectives.
- ✓ **Receipts of Grant Dollar Purchases:** Documentation of how the grant funds were spent.
- ✓ **MDEAT Receipt Form:** The official form confirming the receipt of grant funds.
- ✓ **Post Purchase(s) Scalability Statement:** A brief description of how your purchases scaled and impacted your business. Also provide any details explaining if purchases made were different from the original letter of intent.

**These documents are essential for fulfilling your contract commitments as a grantee. We look forward to supporting your continued success. Email your attachments to the email listed below.**



# Economic

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our team.  
**Jacqueline Davis, Economic Development Manager**  
**Latoya Byrd, Business Expansion Specialist**

**Email:**  
**[EconomicDevelopment@MiamiDade.Gov](mailto:EconomicDevelopment@MiamiDade.Gov)**





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**Original Letter of Intent:** Your initial application outlining your project's goals and objectives.

Please check your records, you should already have your original Letter of Intent that was requested when you submitted your grant application.



**Receipts of Grant Dollar Purchases:** If you haven't done so, please compile receipts from grant dollar purchases, to be photocopied, scanned and prepared to be included in the email you'll submit to us.



# Development

## ACCESS GRANTED





# The Checklist

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MDEAT GRANT ALUMNI



**MDEAT Receipt Form:** The official form confirming the receipt of grant fund purchases.

Please download receipt log via the link below. Simply type directly into the table provided and save file to be included in the email you'll send to us. Or click the link below to access the form online.

**Please note, it is extremely important to be accurate in tracking all of your grant funded dollars and cents, which should total the full grant amount awarded.**

**CLICK HERE**  
**TO DOWNLOAD**  
**RECEIPT LOG**



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# The Checklist

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**Post Purchase(s) Scalability Statement:** Provide a brief description of how the grant funded purchases scaled and impacted your business. Also provide any details explaining if purchases made were different from the original letter of intent.

Suggested Outline:

1. **\*\*Introduction\*\***
  - Overview of the business
  - Purpose of the report
2. **\*\*Purchases Made\*\***
  - Detailed list of all purchases
  - Date and amount of each purchase
  - Vendor information for each purchase
3. **\*\*Comparison to Letter of Intent\*\***
  - Original purchases outlined in the letter of intent
  - Actual purchases made
  - Explanation of any differences
    - Reasons for changes or deviations
    - Impact of the changes on the business
4. **\*\*Conclusion\*\***
  - Summary of key points
  - Final thoughts on the purchases and their alignment with the business goals
5. **\*\*Appendix (if applicable)\*\***
  - Supporting documents
  - Receipts and invoices
  - Correspondence related to purchases





# The Checklist

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Now that you've completed the Grant Alumni Checklist, please send an email with the following attachments:

1. Original Letter of Intent
2. Receipts of Grant Dollar Purchases
3. MDEAT Receipt Form
4. Post Purchase(s) Scalability Statement

Email to: **EconomicDevelopment@MiamiDade.Gov**





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