## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney
DATE: May 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing and directing the County Mayor to execute the South Florida Anchor Alliance Membership Pledge and participate in the implementation of "A Blueprint for Action", and similar programs or plans developed or supported by the alliance for the same purpose

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Eileen Higgins.


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## MEMORANDUM

(Revised)


DATE: May 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.11(A)(15)

Please note any items checked.


Veto
Override $\qquad$

RESOLUTION NO. $\mathrm{R}-427-20$
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SOUTH FLORIDA ANCHOR ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION", AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS OR PLANS DEVELOPED OR SUPPORTED BY THE ALLIANCE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Health Foundation of South Florida ("HFSF") is the largest not-for-profit grant making organization dedicated solely to health in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017, the HFSF in partnership with Citi Community Development and Federal Reserve of Atlanta, convened a meeting of executives representing anchor institutions which include universities, hospitals, local governments, school districts, and law enforcement agencies across South Florida to discuss a collective action towards building community wealth; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, several other meetings and workshops between anchor institution leaders and staff members took place; and

WHEREAS, the HFSF has led the facilitation of an anchor collaboration called the South Florida Anchor Alliance ("SFAA"), in partnership with The Beacon Council of Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, the SFAA's mission is to harness the power of anchor institutions to build a healthy and thriving South Florida for all through collective action; and

WHEREAS, similarly, its goal is to build a healthy, thriving, and prosperous South Florida: a model for America's cities of the future - forward-thinking, inclusive, sustainable, healthy, and resilient; and

WHEREAS, the main objective of the SFAA is for anchor institutions to come together to drive more of their annual business spend toward local, small, diverse businesses, with an emphasis to invest in local hiring and talent development; and

WHEREAS, further, the SFAA's guiding principles include (1) harnessing the spending power and human/intellectual capital of anchor institutions to create an inclusive local economy with increased opportunities for minority communities and underrepresented minority-owned small businesses; (2) developing procurement processes that create local wealth and provide opportunities for minority-owned businesses, thereby ensuring anchor institutions are supporting the region's economic security; (3) building and unleashing the capabilities of minority-owned small businesses, positioning them to successfully engage with anchor institutions; (4) removing barriers to job, training, and leadership opportunities that exist at anchor institutions for local minority residents; and (5) providing opportunities to showcase local talent and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in May 2019, working cohorts comprised of anchor institutions were established for both Miami-Dade County and Broward County; and

WHEREAS, said cohorts worked through the summer into the fall of 2019 to develop a plan of action; and

WHEREAS, at the inaugural SFAA leadership meeting on December 6, 2019, the report "A Blueprint for Action", which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, was reviewed and its implementation was discussed; and

WHEREAS, the County supports the SFAA's efforts to bring anchor institutions together and foster actions that address the economic and social conditions to strengthen the health and welfare of South Florida residents; and

WHEREAS, the County's participation in the SFAA is purely voluntary and signing the pledge will not bind the County contractually or otherwise,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board authorizes and directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to execute the South Florida Anchor Alliance Membership Pledge, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference, and participate in the implementation of "A Blueprint for Action", attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, and similar programs or plans developed or supported by the Alliance for the same purpose.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It was offered by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

| Audrey M. Edmonson, Chairwoman | aye |
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| Rebeca Sosa, Vice Chairwoman | aye |

Estéban L. Bovo, Jr. absent Daniella Levine Cava aye Jose "Pepe" Diaz aye Eileen Higgins Joe. A. Martinez Dennis C. Moss Xavier L. Suarez

| aye | Sally A. Heyman | aye |
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| aye | Barbara J. Jordan | aye |
| aye | Jean Monestime | aye |
| aye | Sen. Javier D. Souto | aye |
| aye |  |  |

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this $5^{\text {th }}$ day of May, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.


MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames<br>By:<br>Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Alisha Moriceau


# WELCOME TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA ANCHOR ALLIANCE! 

The document before you has been a whole year in the making-and we could not be more proud of or inspired by the progress that's been made in that time. Over the next few pages, you will have the chance to review the initial draft of a blueprint for action, a co-created plan for how South Florida's leading anchor institutions can join forces to improve our region's social and economic well-being as well as its health.

But first, let's take a moment to review exactly how we arrived here today.
In December 2017, Health Foundation of South Florida, in partnership with Citi Community Development and Federal Reserve of Atlanta, held the first convening for executives of anchor institutions and community partners where there was demonstrated interest in a shared vision for taking collective action towards building community wealth. The group identified two key areas of opportunity: supplier diversity and workforce development. In other words, how could the anchors come together to drive more of their multi-billion-dollar annual business spend toward local, small, diverse businesses? In addition, how could they make sure anchors were investing in local hiring and talent development? The convening concluded with a call to action to take meaningful steps toward building a coalition that would have a positive impact on South Florida's economic vitality and resiliency.

Armed with a new idea and a decisive direction, by early 2019 leaders from Health Foundation of South Florida, the Alliance's backbone organization that operates all of its activities, began reaching out to anchor institution CEO's and Presidents, who enthusiastically connected us to human resource and procurement staff members at their respective organizations. Within a few months, workgroups for each Miami-Dade and Broward counties were established and began meeting. These meetings were attended by anchor staff members and leaders, who could provide invaluable institutional knowledge about strategic areas of opportunity and collaboration.

The result of those meetings is the document you now hold: A Blueprint For Action. It is ambitious. It is forward-thinking. And it has the potential to be truly transformational.

We will review the content of the blueprint at our first leadership convening, taking place December $6^{\text {th }}$, where we hope you will join us. In the meantime, we encourage you and your team members, to review and discuss it, and to help us determine the best path for implementing that strategies that have been so thoughtfully outlined here. We look forward to hearing your feedback and to working to make South Florida healthier, stronger and more resilient...together.


President \& CEO, Health Foundation of South Florida

## OUR SUPPORT

The South Florida Anchor Alliance is made possible thanks to support from...

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## SFAA MISSION

Through collective action, we harness the power of anchor institutions to build a healthy and thriving South Florida for all.

## SFAA PRINCIPLES

- Harness the spending power and human/intellectual capital of anchor institutions to create an inclusive local economy with increased opportunities for minority communities and underrepresented minority-owned small businesses.
- Develop procurement processes that create local wealth and provide opportunities for minority-owned businesses, thereby ensuring anchor institutions are supporting the region's economic security.
- Build and unleash the capabilities of minority-owned small businesses, positioning them to successfully engage with anchor institutions.
- Remove barriers to job, training and leadership opportunities that exist at anchor institutions for local minority residents.
- Provide opportunities to showcase local talent and leadership


## GOAL \& PRIORITIES

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Build a healthy, thriving and prosperous South Florida; a model for America's cities of the future- forward-thinking, inclusive, sustainable, healthy and resilient.

## PRIORITIES

South Florida Anchor Alliance members will collectively prioritize the establishment of an inclusive local economy by:

- Developing, coordinating, expanding and deepening collaborative supplier diversity efforts to increase opportunities for local, small and minority-owned businesses.
- Developing, coordinating, expanding and deepening collaborative workforce development efforts for local minority residents.
- Sharing best practices among anchor alliance members and collectively sharing efforts with other communities.


# A Blueprint For Action Miami-Dade County 

## SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

## OBJECTIVE

POLICY \& PROCEDURES
Implement policy and procedures based upon best practices to increase local vendor engagement with participating anchors.

Implement policy and procedures based upon best practices to increase small business engagement with participating anchors.

Implement policy and procedures based upon best practices to increase minorityowned business engagement with participating anchors.

## ACTIVITIES/STRATIECIES

Review national best practices/recommendations related to increasing local, small business and/or minority-owned business engagement.

Share, review and compare participating anchors' policies and procedures to learn of different approaches and best practices.

Develop an informational tool for vendors to better understand each anchor agency's policies and processes.

Define and adopt agreed upon local standardized definitions and principles based upon anchor members' policy and procedures best practices' review.

Identify key administrative actions to collectively review and prioritize including, but not limited to:

- Prompt Payment Procedures
- Pre-qualified vendor selection process based upon ready, willing and available criteria, and decisionmaking process for awards from pre-qualified vendor pool.
Participating anchors develop a unified state legislative platform reflecting recommendations supporting participating anchors' supplier diversity priorities.


## SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

## OBJECTIVE

## CERTIFICATION \& REGISTRATION

Implement vendor registration and certification processes that will eliminate barriers and increase the pool of certified firms (small and/ or minority-owned) for participating anchors.

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

Review and assess national best practice recommendations related to vendor registration and certification processes.

Share, review and compare participating anchors' vendor registration and certification process to learn of different local approaches and best practices.

Develop an informational tool for vendors to better understand each anchor agency's vendor registration and certification processes.

Assess current certification reciprocity agreements and terms of established agreements among participating anchors; identify opportunities to increase reciprocity agreements and proceed in negotiating additional reciprocity agreements as appropriate.

Research and assess current and/or new products and systems that would streamline online vendor registration and certification process among participating anchors. Develop workplan to proceed with streamlining registration and certification process for participating anchors.

Establish a SFAA standing working group of procurement and supplier diversity leaders that meet regularly to reflect and improve upon collaborative recommendations.

## OBJECTIVE

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

## OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT \& MATCHMAKING

Increase identification and participation of local, small and/or minority-owned businesses through collaborative targeted outreach and engagement activities.

Increase awareness and engagement opportunities for local, small and/or minorityowned businesses through collaborative targeted informational and educational activities.

Increase local, small and minority-owned business contracting opportunitieswith participating anchor organizations by implementing matchmaking/ networking activities.

Review and assess current outreach and engagement event calendars of all participating anchor organizations. Create a centralized communication strategy to consistently share information with local, small and minority-owned vendors (i.e. website, newsletter, coordinated information sharing)

Establish priorities for outreach and engagement activities by anchor organization (i.e. geographical-focused, industry-focused, supplier diversity-focused, currently non-registered or noncertified firms). Determine collaboration and coordination opportunities among participating anchors based upon identified priorities with the intent to maximize economies of scale (i.e. institutional savings and expansion of overall efforts). Develop calendar of collaborative events/activities.

Review and assess national best practice recommendations related to sharing business opportunities with local, small and/or minority vendors.

Integrate the Advancing Cities Small Business Advisory Council (as coordinated by The Miami Foundation) recommendations and feedback to inform outreach and engagement strategies.

Share, review and compare participating anchors' current practices related to sharing business opportunities with local, small and/or minority vendors

Determine recommendations to streamline processes related to advertising of business opportunities among participating anchors (i.e. utilization of common online portal to share opportunities with registered/certified vendors)

Establish a business networking program inclusive of networking among local, small and/or minority-owned businesses based upon industry; coordinate match making opportunities with larger business based upon partnering opportunities by industry.

## SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

## OBJECTIVE

CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/ TRAINING, FINANCIAL CAPACITY SUPPORT
Increase internal staff understanding and awareness (of participating anchors) of the needs and strategies to engage local, small and minority- owned businesses.

Increase awards to local, small and/or minority-owned business that participate in capacity building, technical assistance/training and/or financial capacity support programs.

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

## Internal Capacity Building

Review and assess national best practice recommendations related to staff professional development to increase supplier diversity goals.

Share, review and compare participating anchors' professional development activities related to supplier diversity principles and goals inclusive of engagement, bidding process, and post-bid follow- up.

Define professional development priorities and content to implement with participating anchor procurement staff with a focus on internal staff strengthening appropriate vendor follow up and evaluation of vendors.

## External Capacity Building

Assess and identify gaps in availability to meet the anchor business/contracting needs. Within the assessment process, integrate work already completed by participating anchors (i.e. F.I.U.'s comprehensive survey process that led to refined capacity building strategies) and regular data collection processes that inform content and delivery methods) Based upon those gaps, develop and/or build upon current specialized incubator(s) across anchors for identified industries.

Assess and identify needs of small and minority-owned businesses. Based upon this assessment:

- Develop a course/program on how to do business with participating anchor organizations and/or build/expand upon current 6-week training program made available through M- DCPS.
- Engage with a working group of participating anchors leaders and/or an external consultant to coach small and minority-owned businesses on how to do business with participating anchors. Considerations need to be made for scaling of strategy.


## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/ TRAINING, FINANCIAL CAPACITY SUPPORT (continued)

- Assess current bonding capacity, financial grant programs, and financing opportunities to support the growth of local, small and/or minority-owned businesses.
- Identify key local best practices to highlight important stakeholder partners to collaborate in the development of new financial support strategies.
- Expand current local best practices and/or develop innovative new approaches to investing in the growth of small and minority owned businesses.
- Connect with existing technical assistance and financial assistance organization, such as the Florida State MSDC, SBDC, SBA, SCORE, etc.


## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## OBJECTIVE

## ANCHOR WORKFORCE NEEDS

Create workforce development strategy based upon anchor workforce pipeline needs to increase employment opportunities in identified zip codes.

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

Administer a SFAA developed survey tool to identify the general workforce needs and gaps in existing workforce pipelines of participating anchor organizations. Survey will include requests for job descriptions (with minimum qualifications) for:

- hard to fill positions (including jobs where anchors had to import from outside of South Florida)
- positions accessible to community
- special project positions high turnover positions

Survey will also request (if the anchor elects to provide) the organization's minimum wage policies, succession planning policies/procedures related to positions hardest to fill, and an inventory of all current local upskilling programs (including those offering stackable credentials, industry certifications, etc).

Once assessment is completed, identify the top five professional and technical needs from participating anchors; and identify educational and nonprofit partners that can build and/or support the expansion of pipeline program development.

Develop and implement business plan with identified partners to address anchor prioritized workforce pipeline (based upon identified short and long-term goals)

Ensure that SFAA workforce plan complements and is integrated within current local workforce development strategies being led by partnering organizations including Advancing Cities partners. Plan should include the identification of the specific positions and where the jobs actually exist (geographic inventory)

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## OBJECTIVE

LOCAL BUSINESS NEEDS
Create workforce development resources for small and minority owned businesses to strengthen capacity to do business with participating anchors.

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

In collaboration with the SFAA Supplier Diversity Working Group and the Advancing Cities partners, assess small and minorityowned hiring needs with a focus on entry level positions.

Identify current internship, apprenticeship, and training programs for industries prioritized through assessment process with a focus on fast- tracking credentialing and hiring.

Collaborate with SFAA Supplier Diversity working group to support capacity building strategy to train and support new/ current employees in the development of "Power Skill" (soft skills) Training of small and minority-owned businesses.

Develop a cooperative purchasing program for small and minority-owned businesses to buy into group health, retirement and other benefits in collaboration with the Advancing Cities Partners.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## OBJECTIVE

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

## RECRUITMENT

Implement recruitment strategies to increase anchor hiring of special populations in targeted zip codes.

Implement recruitment strategies to invest and strengthen retention of local talent.

Develop a SFAA marketing and awareness plan including hiring events to provide exposure to the knowledge of anchor employment opportunities in identified zip codes with a focus on youth and adult engagement (and reengagement). Grassroots engagement strategies should be considered for the needs of the following special populations:

- Out of School youth
- Students in foster care, students who are homeless, students of incarcerated parents and unaccompanied minors
- Veterans
- Reentry populations
- Exceptional Needs
- Immigrants (inclusive of multiple languages)
- Seniors citizens

Develop campaign to educate identified neighborhoods and special populations regarding basic qualifications/ background check requirements for anchor employment opportunities (and possible alternate routes for hiring developed by participating anchors)

Leveraging the principles of the Talent Development Network build participating anchors' talent pathways for identified job opportunities through the development and recruitment of local talent. This would include MDCPS internships (summer and year-long), participating college/university internships, pre-apprentice and apprenticeship programs (with South Florida Career Source) and part-time employment transitions into full time employment.

Pilot a workforce portal as funded and led by the Advancing Cities grant and led by the City of Miami to complement and track recruitment, education, and hiring of participants.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## OBJECTIVE

## ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

TRAINING, EDUCATION \& HIRING PROGRAMS
Develop and implement training/education programs for anchor workforce pipelines to increase hiring in identified zip codes.

Inventory existing education, training and hiring programs that address anchor workforce pipeline priorities. Integrate best practices and lessons learned from the Miami Community Ventures lead by the Beacon Council of Miami-Dade.

Build upon the Academic Leaders Council's Course Catalogue of Academic Offerings inclusive of upskilling, workforce, certification programs, etc. related to identified prioritized pipelines. Gaps in offerings will be identified and a workplan will be developed to address the gaps.

This content should be the basis of information that would be part of a marketing campaign for career counselors.

Develop hiring incentive programs for anchor workforce pipeline priorities including housing policies and employee policies regarding loan forgiveness and/or educational benefits.

## If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far. go together. <br> -African Proverb

## SOUTH FLORIDA ANCHOR ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE

As a member of the South Florida Anchor Alliance (SFAA), we pledge to collaborate in the implementation of the group's agreed upon mission: To foster individual and collective actions that address the economic and social conditions to strengthen the health and welfare of South Florida residents.

We commit to participate in the implementation of the attached co-developed South Florida Anchor Alliance Blueprint by:

- Identifying objectives and activities/strategies that align with our institutional priorities;
- Identifying appropriate staff to participate in the supplier diversity and/or workforce development working groups based upon the objectives and activities/ strategies that align with our institutional priorities;
- Collaborating with the SFAA liaisons to achieve any legislative approvals required by our legislative authority to participate in aligned objectives and activities/ strategies;
- Ensuring staff participation in defined SFAA working groups;
- Coordinating leadership participation in annual SFFA leadership convening; and
- Participating in reporting process as co-developed by participating SFAA members.

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TITLE

ANCHOR INSTITUTION

DATE

