



## INTRODUCING THE INAUGURAL MDEAT ACTIVIST AWARDS

The Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) proudly announces the launch of the first-ever MDEAT Activist Awards—a celebration of impact, service, and community leadership. This groundbreaking initiative will recognize two outstanding non-profit organizations that are driving meaningful change across Miami-Dade County.

Through a community-driven campaign, residents will help spotlight organizations that align with MDEAT’s mission to advance Economic Development, Housing, and Youth Services.

### How It Works

- **Nominations (October 6–22, 2025):** Community members nominate their favorite activist or non-profit organization. *Only one nomination per person will be considered.* [[Click here to submit a nomination.](#)]
- **Applications (October 22–November 4, 2025):** Eligible nominees will receive an application by email. Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00pm Est, November 4, 2025.
- **Community Voting (November 10–19, 2025):** The public will cast votes via MDEAT’s social media platforms to choose the organizations that inspire them most.

### Awards Categories

At the conclusion of the campaign, two winners will be honored at a special awards ceremony:

- Established Non-Profit: 3+ years in operation
- Emerging Young Adult Organization: 6 months – 2 years in operation

This event is more than an awards ceremony—it’s a movement to uplift and recognize the changemakers building stronger, more resilient communities for us all.

**SAVE THE DATE: AWARD CEREMONY - DECEMBER 3, 2025 | 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM |**  
**LOCATION: AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER 6161 NW 22ND AVENUE**  
**MIAMI, FL 33142**

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**2025 MDEAT ACTIVIST AWARDS - SMALL BUSINESS CAPITALIZATION PROGRAM [\$10K]**  
**Non-For-Profit Grant Eligibility**

**Non-Profit-Organizations 3 years and older** must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive grant funds:

- ✓ Provide proof of **verified IRS active status**.
  - ✓ Demonstrate an average gross revenue not to exceed \$750,000 over the past three (3) years.
  - ✓ Submit the most recent three (3) years of IRS Form 990.
  - ✓ Provide three (3) years of signed business tax returns and corresponding tax transcripts.
  - ✓ Include Solicitation of Contributions from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
  - ✓ Submit IRS tax-exempt status documentation.
  - ✓ Employ fewer than twenty-five (25) employees.
  - ✓ Ensure the business is not in default or non-compliance with any county loan or grant program.
  - ✓ Note that franchises or businesses affiliated with national chains are ineligible.
  - ✓ Align business operations with economic development goals such as community improvement, job creation, and/or sustainability.
  - ✓ Confirm that the business does not engage in any illegal activities.
  - ✓ **Provide active Local Business Tax Receipt.**
  - ✓ **Provide IRS EIN Documentation.**
  - ✓ **Provide a valid Driver's License copy.**
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**2025 MDEAT ACTIVIST AWARDS - BUSINESS RESOURCE AND EDUCATION GRANT**  
**[START-UP \$2.5K]**  
**Non-For-Profit-Grant Eligibility**

**Non-Profit-Organizations 6 mo. to 2 years old** must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive grant funds:

- ✓ Provide proof of verified IRS active status.
- ✓ Founder, executive director, or primary individual responsible for running a nonprofit organization must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years old at the time of application.
- ✓ Businesses less than 1 year must provide 6 months of recent receipts to include donations and transactions.
- ✓ Businesses older than 1 year must provide most recent IRS Form 990, Balance Sheets, Income Statements, and/or Profit and Loss Statements.
- ✓ Include Solicitation of Contributions from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- ✓ Submit IRS tax-exempt status documentation.
- ✓ Employ fewer than twenty-five (25) employees.
- ✓ Ensure the business is not in default or non-compliance with any county loan or grant program.
- ✓ Note that franchises or businesses affiliated with national chains are ineligible.
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