



Resilience Hubs for Greater Miami

INCREASING COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Whether it's sea-level rise, extreme heat or more frequent and severe storms and flooding, climate impacts are disrupting lives around the world. Regular exposure to these hazards is putting people and communities at risk. Vulnerable populations—such as low-income families, migrants and the elderly—who are less connected in their communities are at even greater risk since they do not have the adequate resources or support needed to withstand climate shocks and stressors.

Miami-Dade County is home to 2.7 million people and it is also the fourth largest population vulnerable to sea-level rise in the world. Miami-Dade County also has the largest amount of exposed assets, and as the impacts of climate change continue to worsen, they will increasingly threaten the lives and livelihoods of the city's residents. Localized, up-to-date and relevant information is urgently needed to protect lives and livelihoods and help build safer and more resilient-ready communities.

The Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center (Arsht-Rock) is scaling resilience solutions in Miami to address the most pressing climate and social issues.

Arsht-Rock will deploy **Resilience Hubs**—in the heart of communities throughout Miami-Dade County—to enable its residents to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural, physical, social, and economic shocks and stressors. This interconnected, networked system of Hubs will provide local officials, community-based organizations and citizens with information, tools, frameworks and options that will make the community safer and more resilient:

- Resilience Hubs provide **known and safe spaces** in local neighborhoods. A community center and gathering place, they will **build unity and connectivity** to knowledge and resources. Designed through cohesive **community-government partnerships** they will be tailored to meet unique resilience needs of their residents, especially those most at risk.
- As a network of Hubs, they will **observe, communicate, and respond** when and where needed across Miami-Dade County. Meeting residents where they are with their critical needs will be coordinated, not duplicated, with the ability to be nimble to rapidly shifting situations and disasters. Resilience Hubs will **address issues at the neighborhood level**, shifting power to communities and increasing community capacity. They will have the capability to reduce the strain on regional public safety, hospitals, transportation networks, and other disaster-related services.
- Resilience Hubs will become the beacons for communities **to prepare, respond and recover** from natural disasters. These community lifelines will enable interconnected and continuous operations of critical government and community services essential to human health, safety, and economic security in times of disaster.



Arsht-Rock has been awarded a **\$1,110, 235 USD** grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Rebuild Florida General Planning Support Program to develop a strategy to design and network **Resilience Hubs** in the Greater Miami area and the opportunity to scale across metropolitan areas in Florida and throughout the country with similar risks.

Resilience Hubs will become the heart of their communities through working directly with the residents as well as government and local partners including **Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, The CLEO Institute, and Catalyst Miami.**

HELP US...

- Provide improved services to our most vulnerable residents
- Increase community capacity to survive and thrive in the face of increasing environmental and social threats
- Create a sense of community centered preparedness
- Shift power and preparation to neighborhoods and residents
- Enable government to deliver its support more effectively during and after disasters

With matching support of \$450,000 USD, we will design a countywide Resilience Hub network to assist our most disadvantaged residents in the Greater Miami area, while also giving our local governments better ways to provide communities the services they deserve during normal circumstances and support they need during disasters.



ABOUT US: The Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center (Arsht-Rock) will reach One Billion People with resilience solutions to climate impacts, migration and human security challenges by 2030. We focus our efforts on people, communities, governments, and institutions to help them better prepare for, navigate and recover from the multiple shocks and stressors people all over the world face every day.

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