

MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Pillar Trustees Grant Application 2008

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Date _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Contact for the Organization _____

Date Organization Founded _____

Brief Description of Innovative
Program: _____

Organization Name: _____

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FUND OPERATION AND PHILOSOPHY

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Pillar Trustees have created a formal process for the distribution of grants to non-profit organizations. The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce will accept applications for grants from any group that supports one of more of the following categories: community service, education/scholarships, arts, elderly, homeless, or disabled. The organizations must be based in the city of Miami Beach or have an impact/benefit to the Miami Beach Community.

The Pillar Trustees Grant was created to assist non-profits by providing grants devoted to stabilizing programs and projects. This grant is overseen by the Pillar Trustees Board of Directors appointed by the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce. A grant committee, established by the Pillar Trustees Board of Directors, reviews the applications and makes the final approval of the grants that will be distributed. Grants will be distributed twice a year. The deadline is July 17th, 2008.

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For further information about the Pillar Trustees Fund, please contact:

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

All eligible organizations that wish to apply to the Pillar Trustee Fund must submit a Grant Application, which may be found at www.miamibeachchamber.com. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Grant Committee of the Pillar Trustees Board of Directors.

After receiving all applications, selected finalists will be invited to participate in a more intense level of evaluation by attending an interview. Those not selected, will receive a letter notifying them of the committee's decision.

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Successful grant recipients will be announced in August, 2008.

Grant recipients will not be eligible for another grant from the Pillar Trustees Fund for two years.

PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF 2008 PILLAR TRUSTEES GRANT

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This grant is a Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Pillar Trustees project which assists a non-profit organization in fulfilling its mission to serve the community of Miami Beach.

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Eligibility

1. Must be classified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under Section 501 (c) (3) of the I.R.S. code as a nonprofit, tax exempt organization, donations to which are deductible as charitable contributions under Section 170 (c) (2) and the I.R.S. determination must be current.
2. Must have a minimum two-year operating history after receipt of 501 (c) (3) classification.
3. Must have an annual budget of less than \$500,000.
4. Must be located in Miami Beach or have an impact/benefit to the Miami Beach Community.
5. Awarded grant must be used for programmatic, not administrative, purposes.
6. Maximum grant awarded is \$2,500.

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Priority will be given to organizations that demonstrate a base of support from within the Miami Beach Community, reflect a philosophy of inclusiveness, and have a vision for implementation and success.

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QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION DO? Please include your mission statement. Describe what your organization produces, presents, and/ or provides.

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2. WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? What would the grant be used for? What is the budget for the initiative? Over what period of time? Why is this a critical year for this request? Be specific.

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3. HOW DOES YOUR GRANT REQUEST RELATE TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES, GOALS, AND/OR STRATEGIES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION?

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4. WHO IS YOUR AUDIENCE? HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU SERVE? How does your organization add value to the larger community? How, where and with whom do you collaborate?

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5. HOW DO YOU MEASURE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S SUCCESS?

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6. WHAT IS LONG TERM VISION FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION?

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ATTACHMENTS

1. A copy of financial statements for the past two years.

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2. Proof of 501 (c) 3 status.

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3. Three sets of photocopies.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Print Name

Signature

Organization Name: _____