

e-Highlights

Isabel Cosio Carballo
Executive Director

January 2021

Steve Geller, Chair
Broward County Mayor

Council Elects New Officers

The South Florida Regional Planning Council met on January 25, 2021, both in person and by webinar meeting. At this meeting, the Council unanimously elected its new slate of officers for the upcoming year. Their term of service will commence in coordination with the Council's next meeting on February 22, 2021.

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee

Chair

Councilmember Mario Bailey
Governor's Appointment

First Vice Chair

The Honorable Steve Geller
Mayor, Broward County

Second Vice Chair

The Honorable Samuel Kaufman
Commissioner, City of Key West

Treasurer

The Honorable Quentin "Beam" Furr
Commissioner, Broward County

Secretary

The Honorable Jordan Leonard
Councilmember, Bay Harbor Islands

Immediate Past Chair

The Honorable Greg Ross
Mayor, City of Cooper City



COVID Resources

The SFRPC is expanding its economic development COVID-response activities including technical assistance, and enhancing regional planning, collaboration, and intergovernmental coordination among local governments...[Read more](#)

In August of 2020 the SFRPC was awarded the EDA CARES Act Supplemental grant to enable the Council to help the region to prepare for, prevent, and respond to existing and future impacts by expanding its economic development [COVID-response activities](#) including technical assistance, and enhancing regional planning, collaboration, and intergovernmental coordination among local governments, economic development organizations, the business community, and other key stakeholders.

See how we are...


Growing South Florida's Economy
One Business at a Time!

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COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The South Florida Region has seen a massive impact on our economy due to COVID-19. The South Florida Regional Planning Council is here to be a source of information, resources & initiatives important for the speedy economic recovery of our region.

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- IDENTIFY ISSUES & SOLUTIONS**
 - Strengthen and secure ideas
 - Identify the extent of economic distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Work with elected officials and government staff to identify solutions.
 - Identify grant opportunities for economic recovery and projects.
- COORDINATE PARTNERS**
 - Working Together
 - Serve as a liaison between local, state, and federal partners in order to speed the recovery process.
 - Prepare economic recovery and long-term resiliency plans.
 - Provide research as needed.
- DEVELOP PLANS**
 - Communicating your vision
 - Develop plans and activities that support economic development, job creation, capital investment, workforce development and training opportunities.
 - Provide technical assistance and augment local capacity to further recovery efforts.
- IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS**
 - Becoming Economically Resilient
 - Implement economic recovery and resilience plans with the goal of rebuilding resilient and sustainable communities throughout the South Florida Region.
 - Assist with grant writing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We coordinate efforts with the Region and develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan that provides a set of guiding principles for community leaders to set common economic development goals and priorities for action. Other economic development initiatives include the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, CARES Act RLF, Brownfields Partnership & Clean-Up, SE Florida Community Development Fund Inc., Economic Forecasting Partnership and New Market Tax Credits.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (SFL EPC) is housed within the Council and serves Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties. The SFL EPC was established by Congress in an effort to assist local governments with protecting public health, safety, and the environment from chemical hazards and releases.

TRANSPORTATION & ALT FUELS

Travel Oriented Development and the Clean Cities program and two areas that the Council works with constituent local governments to address technical transportation issues, provide transportation modeling services, and outreach & policy support for alternative fuels & site reduction.

RESILIENCY & SEA-LEVEL RISE

As part of the Southern Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, the Council actively participates in climate change related pre-planning and coordinating efforts across the region. Council staff aids in understanding the challenges occurring in our local area, local resiliency practices, and engages the changing economic.


REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

We offer services to municipalities to review plans for issues of regional significance through the Enhancements to Local Government Comprehensive Plans Program and the requirements for development of Regional Impact (RI) programs. Activities involve review of newly adopted comp plans, plan amendments, Evaluation and Approval Reports on comp plan performance and coordination of multi-jurisdictional agency review of large-scale development projects, which may impact more than one County.

MAPPING AND GEOSPATIAL ANALYSES

The Council offers GIS Strategies and tools to inform decision-making and to foster partnerships and other Technical Assistance services on a case by case basis.

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Financial Assistance ~ During a Pandemic

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration is partnering with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) to oversee and administer a new **\$5.9 million CARES ACT Business Revolving Loan Fund program** that will alleviate sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the coronavirus in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Designated a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development District in 1994, the SFRPC welcomes this new program into its lending portfolio as it continues to expand its economic development activities.

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Small Business Loans Available through the CARES ACT

ABOUT

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) has secured funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to capitalize a small business revolving loan fund for business adversely impacted by COVID-19. These funds, provided pursuant to the March 2020 Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), will be administered by the SFRPC through its Revolving Loan Fund CARES Act Program.

KEEP IN MIND

- ❖ The RLF CARES Act Program is a long-term financing program to help stabilize existing businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- ❖ RLF CARES Act Program funds CAN be combined with:
 - ❖ Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)
 - ❖ Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the State of Florida Bridge Loan Program
- ❖ RLF CARES Act Program is NOT a grant or forgivable loan.

LOAN INFORMATION

\$5,380,000

Personal guaranties and collateral are required.

ELIGIBILITY

Small Businesses
Sole Proprietors
501c3 Organizations
* located within Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward & Palm Beach counties

FINANCING

Loan Amount: \$25,000 - \$500,000
Interest Rate: Fixed 3% - 4%
Duration: Up to 10 Years

HOW TO APPLY

Visit: [CARES ACT RLF](https://www.caresact.rihf.com) | Availability: Immediate

For more information, please contact:
Steve Foreman, CARES ACT Revolving Loan Fund Administrator | sforeman@sfrpc.com
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For fastest approval, be prepared to document your economic loss due to COVID-19. Be aware of fraudulent schemes and only discuss finances with a trusted professional.

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2021 Regional Legislative Priorities

The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, represented by elected and appointed officials from Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties, in Joint Session identified the following regional issue priorities. **We ask that you please incorporate these priorities into your state and federal action agendas:**

Resolution TCSF #20-01 ~ Florida's Coral Reef

- Support the establishment of a long-term, recurring revenue source for Coral Reef disease intervention and restoration at both state and federal levels;

- Support the federal legislation “[Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021](#)” ([S. 46](#) / [HR 160](#)) to restore and conserve America’s Coral Reef;
- Support state legislation [SB 588](#) (Senator Book) / [HB 217](#) (Rep. Hunschofsky): [Conservation Area Designations/Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area](#)
- Urge the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to work collaboratively to develop and implement as soon as possible a long-term coral reef conservation strategy for the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area.



Kristin Jacobs
 State Representative 2014 - 2020
 SFRPC 1999 – 2007; Chair 2001

[Resolution TCSF #20-02 ~ Water and Wastewater Infrastructure](#)

[Resolution TCSF #20-03 ~ Human Biosolids and Wastewater Treatment Technologies](#)

[Resolution TCSF #20-04 ~ Full Appropriation of Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Funds for Housing](#)

What's New...



Opportunity Zone Resources & Incentives

The South Florida Regional Planning Council has compiled a set of resources related to Opportunity Zones in the region...[Read more](#)



Economic Analysis Service

The South Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership (The Partnership) offers technical assistance to communities and organizations to predict how policy decisions or economic events can impact the economy at the county, region, and state level...[Read more](#)



Check Out Our Recent Projects

The Coalition co-hosted a virtual ride and drive event with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. Take an up-close look at a Tesla Model 3.



[RIDE & DRIVE](#)

The Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition held a Propane Listening Session with Paul Strobis at Broward County Transit.

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Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition presents the City Furniture CNG Fleet Tour.

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In Other News...



Virtual Roundtable with South Florida County Mayors

Glenna Milberg (Channel 10 News) talks to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Shultz, a virtual roundtable with all three South Florida County mayors: Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Broward County Mayor Steve Geller, and Monroe County Mayor Michelle Coldiron, and Fort Lauderdale City Manager Chris Lagerbloom.

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**Next Council Meeting:
Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

Executive Committee

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