



Neighbors Helping Neighbors | Secretary Ben Carson Visits Miami to Meet with Recipients of CARES Act Funding During Coronavirus Recovery **#Inthistogether**

As communities combat the coronavirus outbreak, HUD is highlighting stories of communities coming together to help their neighbors in need.



Secretary Carson joined Mayor Francis Suarez in Miami today to hear from individuals who received CARES Act funding and to see firsthand how the quick allocation of funds has provided relief for Floridians in the wake of the coronavirus. *“To combat the coronavirus, I have directed HUD to do everything in our power to help American workers and their families remain in their homes, prevent dislocation, and receive critical services from the federal government. That includes our power to allocate more than \$12 billion under the CARES Act, which is the single-biggest economic relief package in American history,”* said Secretary Carson.

The CARES Act distributes \$100 billion to healthcare providers, including hospitals battling the coronavirus, and fully capitalizes our nation’s capacity for testing, where we are already the world leader. Through the CARES Act, grantees who receive funds under HUD’s Community Development Block Grant program to recover from natural disasters may use these funds to respond to COVID-19. An additional \$5 billion is now available in CDBG funds.

Immediately after the passage of the CARES Act, HUD made \$143 million of COVID-19 relief funding available to communities in Florida. More than \$100 million has been subsequently awarded, including: \$19 million to protect low-income Americans; \$16 million to expand flexibility of funds for public housing authorities; \$6.2 million to assist people living with disabilities; and \$63 million in CDBG funds to improve public health, housing and economic outcomes.

A selection of media resulting from the visit can be found here:

- Ben Carson gets key to Miami after city received \$3.2 million for small businesses and low-income tenants ([News 10](#))
- US Housing Secretary Ben Carson Visits Miami Talk About Federal Funds Allocated To The City To Help During The Pandemic ([CBS Miami](#))
- Ben Carson gets a key to Miami for ‘unprecedented’ funding to business, renter relief ([Miami Herald](#))
- HUD secretary Dr. Ben Carson awarded key to the City of Miami ([WSVN Miami](#))



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