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REVITALIZATION TRUST









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Who We Are & What We're Building

The Little Haiti Revitalization Trust (LHRT) exists to protect, strengthen, and advance the future of Little Haiti through thoughtful redevelopment, community-led investment, and transparent stewardship. Rooted in resident input and cultural pride, LHRT works to ensure that growth benefits the people who live, work, and build legacy in the neighborhood.

Through strategic planning, direct investment, and meaningful partnerships, the Trust moves ideas into action, supporting small businesses, preserving homeownership, expanding educational access, and uplifting cultural identity. Every initiative is guided by accountability, equity, and a long-term commitment to keeping Little Haiti vibrant, inclusive, and rooted in its history as it moves forward.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Little Haiti Revitalization Trust is to oversee and support the City of Miami's revitalization efforts in Little Haiti by promoting economic development, strengthening local business and commerce, creating jobs, attracting industry, and facilitating the production of goods and services.

The Trust works to expand affordable housing, support homebuyer assistance initiatives, and market the area to encourage residents, former residents, and new stakeholders to invest, live, and thrive in the Little Haiti community.

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Throughout 2025, the Little Haiti Revitalization Trust (LHRT) continued to focus on fostering community engagement, supporting cultural preservation, and improving operational effectiveness. Significant achievements include the launch of key grant programs, the hosting of community workshops, and strategic partnerships. LHRT also made strides in transparency and governance with new policies, and public access to meetings. These efforts underscore LHRT's commitment to revitalizing Little Haiti and addressing the needs of its stakeholders.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION





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In partnership with Catholic Charities, LHRT hosted a three-cohort financial literacy program serving 38 participants, equipping residents with the tools to strengthen financial decision-making and long-term economic stability.

Together, LHRT and Catholic Charities also facilitated a 12-week family and parenting course serving 11 participants, focused on enhancing effective parenting practices and strengthening family communication.

Additionally, we hosted Strong Fathers, Strong Families, a nurturing fathers' program serving 8 fathers, centered on strengthening parenting skills, increasing family engagement, and promoting positive fatherhood.

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SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

To support local businesses, LHRT implemented the Small Business Grant Program, serving both for-profit and nonprofit brick-and-mortar businesses. A total of 33 applications were received representing $470,000 in funding requests. To date, $320,000 has been approved, with $160,000 already disbursed, providing critical capital to stabilize and grow neighborhood enterprises.











CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The Trust continues to support cultural preservation and strengthen neighborhood identity through initiatives such as Haitian Heritage Month celebrations, public art and mural projects featuring local artists, community safety efforts including the Community Roll Call event, and resource fairs connecting residents to essential services and information.

Additionally, the Trust hosted the 9th anniversary celebration of Little Haiti's designation as an official City of Miami neighborhood, themed "Come Back to Invest in Little Haiti." The event featured a panel of local investors and included the presentation of a City of Miami Proclamation honoring Henri-Robert Lamothe for his lasting contributions to the community.















CULTURAL PRESERVATION CONTINUED

- Sponsored and coordinated events, including beautification efforts like banner installations, mural production, and panel discussions.
- Administered 40+ cultural grants on the behalf of Chairwoman Christine King for total of approximately $200,000 over the last 2 years.
- Hosted the celebration marking the 9th anniversary of Little Haiti's designation as a City of Miami neighborhood, themed "Come Back to Invest in Little Haiti." The event featured a panel of local investors and honored Henri-Robert Lamothe with a City of Miami Proclamation recognizing his lasting contributions.

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OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES



February
Youth Services

March
Employment Services

May
Mental Health Fair



June
Homebuyer Program

July
Real Estate Development

September
Scale Up with AI



October
Infant Safe Sleep and Child Safety

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Trust has remained actively engaged in community outreach and preparedness efforts, with a strong focus on direct neighborhood engagement. Most notably, LHRT organized three neighborhood canvassing initiatives, mobilizing more than 20 volunteers to connect directly with residents throughout Little Haiti. During these efforts, volunteers distributed LHRT program information, shared available resources, and conducted a community needs assessment to gather real-time feedback from residents. This hands-on outreach strengthened visibility, increased access to services, and provided valuable insight into the community's evolving priorities.

In addition, LHRT participated in the Eske Nou Pare? Hurricane Preparedness Collaborative organized by Sant La to support a unified, community-driven disaster response strategy. The Trust also engaged in community wellness initiatives, including the Sante Gratis: Little Haiti Health Fair with the Center for Haitian Studies, and continues to serve as an Ambassador Partner for Miami-Dade County's Strive 305 initiative, helping connect local businesses to county resources and support services.







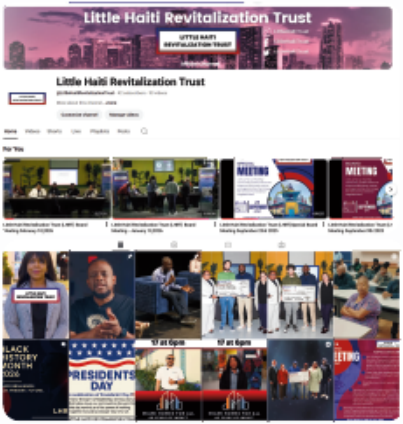




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ADMINISTRATIVE & STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Trust enhanced transparency and community accessibility by launching an interactive boundary map on littlehaititrust.com, allowing residents and business owners to easily verify eligibility within Little Haiti. The Trust is also developing a new website to serve as a centralized hub for program updates, events, and community engagement. Additionally, LHRT began live streaming board meetings on YouTube to expand public access and promote transparency.

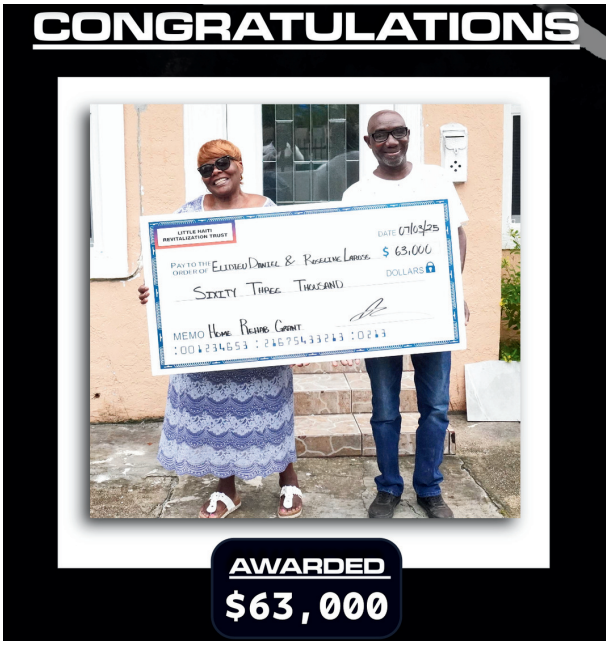




RESIDENT PROGRAMS

HOME REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM

Home Rehabilitation Grant Program was introduced in 2024 to support local economic growth and assist homeowners. This grant offers up to $50,000 per homeowner to support critical repairs and preserve homeownership. The board allocated $500,000 to this initiative; one home has been completed, $63,000 has been disbursed, and more than $400,000 remains available for additional eligible households.



HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



LHRT expanded its housing strategy in June 2025 with the launch of the Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program, providing up to $25,000 per eligible homebuyer, supported by an additional $500,000 allocation, to promote first-time homeownership and long-term neighborhood stability.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Beyond programmatic grants, LHRT has made significant direct community investments to strengthen local institutions, infrastructure, and long-term neighborhood stability. This includes a $750,000 investment in the South Florida Community Land Trust to support the development of 13 affordable homeownership townhomes through Place Louverture, an initiative designed to create lasting housing stability for Little Haiti residents.
In partnership with the South Florida Community Land Trust, this effort expands access to affordable homeownership, helps families build equity and generational wealth, preserves cultural identity and neighborhood character, and prevents displacement through permanent affordability protections.

Additionally, LHRT awarded $6,250 to local grassroots initiatives addressing immediate neighborhood needs and community-driven priorities.
Through strategic investment and strong partnerships, LHRT continues advancing equitable revitalization, ensuring that growth benefits the residents who built and sustain Little Haiti.





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