CareerSource South Florida (CSSF) announces the COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund, which is designed to provide support to small businesses and/or community based organizations (CBOs) within Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, facing financial impacts and potential layoffs from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The funds will be provided as a reimbursable grant to small businesses and/or CBOs experiencing economic distress. The goals of the fund are to prevent potential layoffs or minimize the duration of unemployment resulting from layoffs due COVID-19.

**How can it help me?**

- Purchasing remote access equipment or software that allows employees to work from home (e.g., computers, printers, telephones, headsets, video conferencing software, etc.).
- Paying for services or tools for restaurants or retail establishments to convert to online sales or delivery during Shelter in Place orders.
- Purchasing cleaning/sanitation supplies and/or services that will allow an essential small business to maintain an on-site workforce by reducing exposure to COVID-19.
- Supporting businesses and/or CBOs that take advantage of the Short-Time Compensation Program also known as Work Sharing by supplementing the employee’s income and benefits.
- Other creative approaches and strategies to reduce or eliminate the need for layoffs.

**How much money is available to help my business and/or CBOs?**

- Eligible businesses and/or CBOs may receive up to $10,000.00 in COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund grant funds. CSSF will utilize the following scale to award grants:
  - 3–10 employees up to $5,000.00
  - 11–25 employees up to $7,500.00
  - 26–50 employees up to $10,000.00
- Payment is provided to your business to reimburse for cost.

**How do I know if I am eligible and how do I apply?**

Please see our CSSF COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund Policy for eligibility requirements at: [http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion](http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion)

Apply through your local chamber as shown below. Applications will be processed within three business days of receipt. Upon approval and receipt of signed agreement, payment will be processed.

**Submit your application for a COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund grant through your local chamber. Select an entity from the list below to be directed to the application.**

- Greater Key West Chamber of Commerce: [http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_KWCC](http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_KWCC/)
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce: [http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_GMiamiCC](http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_GMiamiCC/)
- Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce: [http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_GMCC](http://www.careersourcesfl.com/layoffaversion_GMCC/)

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**About CareerSource South Florida**

CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership that establishes state and federally funded workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. CareerSource South Florida’s services and resources are available to everyone at no cost through a network of centers located throughout the region.