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Miami Beach Awards Over \$100K in Environmental Grants

— The grants will fund 9 public projects —

Miami Beach, FL – Nine philanthropic organizations focused on environmental projects and programs will share more than \$100,000 in grants from the City of Miami Beach. The Rising Above grants are intended to promote sustainability, marine resource protection and environmental stewardship.

“These environmental grants will fund beach cleanups, climate literacy, field trips to the Everglades, coastal plantings and large-scale marine sustainability events,” explained Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak. “All of the projects are aligned with the city’s long-term goal of making Miami Beach a more resilient place to live, work and play.”

Applications were evaluated by city staff based on criteria that includes applicant experience, project benefit, metrics and data as well as social impact, project budget and priority alignment.

Grant recipients include:

- Clean Miami Beach — Beach Cleanups (\$12,000).
- Debris Free Global, Inc. and Ascendance Sustainable Events — Custom Sustainability Plans for Special Events (\$17,000).
- Friends of the Everglades — Exploring the Everglades and Immersive Learning Kits (\$12,000).
- Institute for Regional Conservation — Plantings to Restore Coastal Biodiversity (\$15,000).
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center — Field Trips (\$15,000).
- Miami Beach Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center — School Butterfly Garden (\$4,600).
- Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School — Sustainable Party Decorations (\$1,300).
- Miami-Dade Coastal Cleanup and Recycle Across America — Standardized Recycling Signage (\$15,000).
- The CLEO Institute — Climate Resilient Schools Program (\$15,100).

Most of the grant funds were generated by the Boucher Brothers Miami Beach LLC Public Beachfront Concession Agreement and the Waste Contract Agreement, which include value-added enhancements to support environmental organizations and their work in Miami Beach.

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