



COVID-19 Grantee Spotlight: New Florida Majority



[New Florida Majority Education Fund](#) (NewFM-EF) is a nonprofit that is committed to building a Florida where anyone and everyone can follow their dreams. Florida has had 82,719 confirmed COVID-19 cases, the majority lying in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties where NewFM's main offices are located.

"Our phone bank team, organizers and volunteers have called more than 700,000 Floridians and surveyed over 35,000 people about the real impact that COVID-19 has had on Florida's working families, especially in low income Black and Brown communities that will suffer the most as a result of the pandemic."

Nathalie Domond,
Development Manager, The New Florida Majority

In these challenging conditions of a global health crisis, New Florida Majority is advancing sustained campaigns in:

- Safe housing, to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are protected, not criminalized, and provided with safe housing alternatives. Our Housing campaign successfully halted the progress of an ordinance that would criminalize homelessness in Fort Lauderdale.
- Advocacy, placing pressure on Florida's law enforcement officials to implement fairer, more transparent, policies and practices to reduce the jail population and stop the spread of the coronavirus. On Mother's Day weekend, NewFM-EF participated in the Black Mama's Bailout to release several women so that they could be with their families instead of spending more time behind bars.
- Census, to educate community members on the importance of the Census. This week we are hosting a "Come to Our Census" with celebrity guests.

- Elections, to demand that the Florida institutions implement emergency accommodations to the state's election procedures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Food security, On May 1st NewFM-EF distributed 900 gift cards for food assistance to families at food distribution sites in several counties statewide. NewFM-EF is currently seeking funding to expand this program in the future.

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare societal inequities that Southern Partners Fund has fought since it's incorporation. SPF's capacity for enabling its grantee partners to build coordinated rapid response teams in their communities is well documented. SPF's grantee organizations rely on Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal grants to identify their most vulnerable populations and connect them to agencies and services that can help. In turn, vulnerable populations in these communities trust SPF grantee organizations to provide them with the best support available. In many communities, our grantee partners are their first responders.

COVID-19 is currently the primary focus for the Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal while SPF aggressively seeks new funding partners. To date, SPF has raised over **\$4M out of a \$10M funding goal** and is already issuing its first round of grants to partner organizations throughout the rural Southeast.

For more information on the New Florida Majority, or on contributing to SPF's Justice Fund for Disaster Relief and Renewal, please click below to visit our dedicated COVID-19 page or contact us by phone with the contact details provided below.

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