**SOBEWFF & FIU Chaplin School Hospitality Relief Fund**

The Miami Downtown Development Authority is partnering with FIU, SOBEWFF, and others to roll out the SOBEWFF & FIU Chaplin School Hospitality Relief Fund. As of today, the fund has raised $1M+ and each qualified applicant can receive up to $15,000 until the fund is exhausted. **In under a week the fund has been heavily drawn upon so we are calling on our restaurants to apply as soon as possible.** Each restaurant can receive up to $15,000 to assist their employees who have been furloughed, laid off, or whose incomes have been significantly reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Details:

* *Applicant Pool:* Tri-county area independently owned restaurants and bars
* *Fund Use:* Only intended for employees who have been furloughed, laid off, or whose incomes have been significantly reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
* *Fund Distribution*: ***Qualified applicants will receive funds on a first-come first-serve basis***. $500 per employee until a $15,000 maximum is reached.
* To access the application, click [here](https://sobewff.org/industry-relief-form/?utm_source=Call+to+Action+for+Restauranteurs+-+3%2F31&utm_campaign=Precautionary+Coronavirus+Update+-+MAR+3&utm_medium=email).
	+ You will need to submit documentation supporting proof of business and documentation supporting the number of employees paid during your establishment's last payroll cycle.

For more information, visit: <https://sobewff.org/industry-relief/>

For general inquiries pertaining to the Fund, please email generalinquiries@sobewff.org or call one of the following members of the Development Department at the Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University:

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