



## **CITY OF DORAL**

### **Doral Golden Hearts: Senior Exemption Program Grant Policy** (Adopted FY 2025–2026)

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish an objective and consistent process for implementing and administering the City of Doral Golden Hearts: Senior Support Grant Program. This document provides policy, procedures, responsibilities, and guidelines as they relate to the program. This document may be amended from time to time, as appropriate, with the approval of Council.

#### **Program Overview and Goal**

The Golden Hearts Program provides a one-time direct financial grant to qualifying senior households to address essential living costs. The program targets Doral's most financially vulnerable seniors and addresses the gap left by county program reductions while maintaining the City's fiscal health and essential services.

#### **Fund Determination and Allocation**

For Fiscal Year 2025–2026, the total program allocation is \$50,000. Each qualifying household will receive a single \$200 grant, subject to fund availability, for an estimated 250 senior households. Future funding levels shall be determined annually by Council during the budget process, and funds will be disbursed until the allocation is exhausted.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must meet all of the following:

1. Be current holders of the Senior Homestead Exemption for their primary residence within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Doral.
2. Be the owner-occupant of the qualifying property.  
Note: Senior Homestead Exemption status evidence that the resident is age 65 or older and meets the applicable income threshold.

Eligible households will receive a one-time \$200 grant per fiscal year while funds remain available. Only one grant may be issued per qualifying household per fiscal year.

The Finance Department will establish a simple process for verification and distribution. Eligibility will be verified through the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser's records of current Senior Homestead Exemption holders.

Disbursement shall be made directly to the qualifying household by City-issued check or comparable payment method. This grant is not a tax refund or exemption and shall not be applied as a credit to any tax bill. No cash payments will be made. Grants will be accompanied by formal communications from the Mayor's Office, as per Section 2.02 of the City's Charter.

The Finance Department shall administer the program and prepare internal summaries upon request by the City Manager's Office or Council.

This policy becomes effective upon adoption and remains in effect unless amended or repealed by Council.