Doral Golden Hearts: Supporting Our Senior Community

A targeted grant program providing direct financial support to Doral's most vulnerable senior residents, addressing the gap left by county program reductions.



The Need for Targeted Senior Support

250

Senior Households

Doral residents over 65 living on fixed incomes of \$35,000 or less who qualify for Senior Homestead Exemption \$200

Proposed Grant

One-time direct payment per qualifying household

\$50K

Total Program Cost

FY 2025-2026 allocation to support all eligible senior households

Why Our Seniors Need Support Now

- Rising property taxes, utilities, and living expenses create financial strain on fixed incomes
- Miami-Dade County is no longer providing direct relief to these households in the current budget cycle
- Many seniors have dedicated decades to building our community but now face difficult financial choices

This is **not a tax refund or exemption** (prohibited under state statute) but a direct support grant to those who need it most.

Targeted Relief vs. General Tax Reduction







Rollback Rate Problem

A general tax rate reduction would provide only about \$50 to homeowners while giving large commercial properties hundreds of thousands in savings

Golden Hearts Solution

Direct \$200 grants to qualifying seniors provides meaningful relief to those who need it most while preserving city revenue for essential services

Community Benefit

Demonstrates Doral's commitment to supporting its most vulnerable residents in a fiscally responsible way that maintains services for all

Eligibility Requirements

• Current holder of Senior Homestead Exemption

The **Doral Golden Hearts program** offers a balanced approach that provides meaningful relief to our most financially vulnerable seniors while maintaining the city's fiscal health and essential services for all residents.