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Code Fever/Blacktech Week

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BIG BOLD IDEA

Build asset- and talent-filled spaces in Black communities where innovation can thrive by focusing on drawing resources, training, networks, funding, and instituting inclusive policies.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Code Fever Miami reshapes Black communities into thriving innovative, engaging, productive, and value-producing innovation spaces. Code Fever attracts and nurtures talent through BlackTech Meetups and BlackTech Office Hours. Code Fever Miami fosters civic and economic engagement with BlackTech Weekend and BlackTech Week. Code Fever enhances opportunity with its VC In Residence program. Code Fever Miami’s plan is to raise a $50 million fund to increase the number of Black-founded, high-growth tech firms. Code Fever will reshape policies impacting diversity and inclusion, and change the narrative about what diversity and inclusion means for the innovation sector.

PERSONAL BIO

Felecia Hatcher is on a mission to rid communities across the globe of innovation deserts by working with community leaders and government officials to create inclusive and diverse tech/startup ecosystems as an Author and the Co-Founder of Tribe Cowork and Urban Innovation Lab, Code Fever, and Black Tech Week. As a result of her work, Miami has become one of the most authentically diverse startup ecosystems in the country, helping minority led startup founder's access opportunities and capital pathways through their VC in Residence program, exposing over 3000+ students and parents to tech skills training for youth and young adults in the areas of technology and entrepreneurship, in partnership with Knight Foundation, Comcast, Morgan Stanley, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Ford and others. As well as an annual week long emerging technology conference called BlackTech Week that creates a magnetic force for attracting talent, resources and opportunities for minority communities to thrive within the innovation economy.