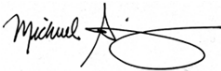


Memorandum



Date: September 16, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants for a total of \$160,000.00 from the FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on Thursday, August 27, 2015, to review 28 applications requesting \$229,320.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 28 applicants for a total of \$160,000.00.

The projects recommended for funding represent a diversified range of activities and demographic locations. In its deliberations, the Panel carefully considered and applied the Community Grants guidelines as outlined below.

The Community Grants Program is responsive on a quarterly basis to organizations, which develop small and large-scale community-based programs, projects, events, and publications. The program is particularly sensitive to the needs of: 1) indigenous cultural neighborhood activities and projects encouraging the preservation of heritage, traditions and culture; and 2) social service organizations and cultural groups developing collaborative intervention projects.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) quality of program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1 7eventhDay Media, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

11756 SW 134 Place
Miami, Florida 33186
John Paul II International Film Festival
October 8-17, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the JP2IFF, a ten-day, inter-faith event that screens films from filmmakers of different faiths, cultures, and countries. The festival is an event that welcomes filmmakers who use their art to inspire and provide hope. The festival is held in CocoWalk's Cinepolis Movie Theater in the heart of Coconut Grove. The event is open to the general public and for audiences of all ages.

2 Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,750.00

225 NE 59 Street
Miami, Florida 33137
Photographing the Haitian-US Migration
October 2-December 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a three-day photography workshop for children and youth of Haitian descent in Miami. The children will photograph their families and community members to gain a deeper understanding of the migration experience: what was gained, what was lost, what has carried over. Participants will learn how to operate cameras, print their images and conduct interviews culminating in an exhibition at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex. This event is open to the public.

3 Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. a/f/a for Future Roots Collective

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

225 NE 59 Street
Miami, Florida 33137
Open Source Art
October 1, 2015-April 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support OPEN SOURCE ART, a series of FREE artmaking workshops and exhibition for inter-generational participants with any level of experience or background in artmaking, led by Miami-based artists exploring the process, inspiration and technique of each presenting artist. Workshops will take place monthly at Little Haiti Cultural Complex, Cannonball and LAB Miami with a culminating exhibition taking place at Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

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4 Amplifyme, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

5808 Alton Road
Miami Beach, Florida 33140
Youth Media Institute Workshops and Public Screening
October 1-December 31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Youth Media Institute weekly workshops and final showcase, hosted by Miami Edison Senior High School. Workshops will be provided once a week for 11 weeks for students at Edison. The final showcase will present participants' work during the quarter; it will be free and open to the public, with a focus on the Liberty City and Little Haiti community. Funds will be used for outreach and artistic, program and technical expenses related to the event.

5 Anchor Arts Management, Inc. a/f/a for Nu Flamenco Collaborative, Inc

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

221 SW 136 Court
Miami, Florida 33184
Avalon: Suite for Flamenco Guitar and Orchestra
October 1-November 29, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4 & 5

Funds are requested to support the production, two performances and community engagement activities of "Avalon: Suite for Flamenco Guitar and Orchestra," an evening of original compositions by Jose Luis Rodriguez with orchestrations by Alex Conde. The work includes a 25 piece orchestra of Miami artists with special guest Federico Brito under the direction of Omid Zoufonoun. The project also includes various community engagement activities and workshops for children. The venues include Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Aventura Center for the Performing Arts Center and Miami Dade College-Koubek Center. This event is open to the public.

6 Centro Cultural Español de Cooperacion Iberoamericana, Inc. a/f/a for Aluna Art Foundation

Recommended Award: \$2,258.00

1490 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33132
Narratives of Resistance: "Tribute to Reynaldo Arenas" & "Gory: Notes for a Retrospective"
October 17-November 26, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5

Funds are requested to support two simultaneous exhibitions: a tribute to the writer Reynaldo Arenas on the 25th anniversary of his death and a retrospective of the Cuban Rogelio Lopez "Gory." Arenas was imprisoned countless times for his rebellion and homosexuality in Cuba. This tribute calls for the continuation of his legacy. Gory was part of the exhibition that inaugurated contemporary art in Cuba in the 80's, creating a free language that challenged the cultural policies of his time. This event will take place at the Centro Cultural Espanol and is open to the public.

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7 Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500.00

15250 SW 108 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33157
Celebrating La Griteria
December 5, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support "La Griteria," a one-day event celebrating one of the most well known street parties in Central and South America. Many sectors of the community join to celebrate the diversity of Miami-Dade County in the streets of downtown of the City of Sweetwater with live music performances, parades and ethnic food from America. The concert will take place in the southwest area adjacent to FIU and is open to the public.

8 Cuban American Phototheque Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,750.00

142 SW 29 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33135
MIAMI PHOTO SALON
November 27-December 31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 12

Funds are requested to support the 2015 Miami Photo Salon Festival, an International Photography Festival that will be taking place at different locations in Miami-Dade from November 27 to December 30, including Miami Arts-Miami Beach Art Basel week. This Festival promotes interaction among the diverse communities across South Florida, and focuses on immigrant Latino artists struggling to make market connections in the US.

9 FLORIDA DANCE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, Florida 33156
Danny Lewis Miami Dance Sampler
October 17-18, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support artists participating in two performances of the Daniel Lewis Miami Dance Sampler to be held at the New World School of the Arts. The project, featuring a wide spectrum of dance works and genres, aims to advance a culture of dance in Miami-Dade County and to provide Miami-based dance artists with support through audience exposure. This event is open to the public.

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10 Greater South Dade/South Miami/Kendall Chamber of Commerce, Inc. d/b/a Chamber South

Recommended Award: \$7,500.00

6410 SW 80 Street
South Miami, Florida 33143
44th Annual ChamberSOUTH South Miami Art Festival
November 7-8, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the Chamber South's production of the South Miami Art Festival on November 7 and 8, 2015, on Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) between US-1 and Red Road (SW 57 Avenue) in the the City of South Miami. The grant support from Miami-Dade County helps Chamber South produce a quality, multi-cultural, family-friendly event that is free and open to the public.

11 Hispanic American Lyric Theatre, Inc. a/f/a for Yo Best Productions Corp. Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

9130 SW 123 Avenue Court
Miami, Florida 33186
V International Festival of Small-Format Theater of Miami
November 4-22, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 5th edition of an open, competitive, and multilingual festival featuring a diverse program of contemporary and traditional small-format theater works by artists from the U.S., Mexico, Spain, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Cuba, and Argentina. The festival will host about 24 theatrical performances, a series of workshops, a cultural tourism program for artists and audiences from Mexico, and a special run of the festival's winning play. The activities will take place at the ArtSpoken Performing Arts Center and is open to the public.

12 Italian Film Festival, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,875.00

5151 Collins Avenue, Suite 224
Miami Beach, Florida 33140
2015 Cinema Italy (formerly Italian Film Festival)
October 1-16, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 13th Annual Italian Film Festival to be held October 8-13, 2015 at the Regal Cinemas South Beach on Lincoln Road. This year's festival will include 10 of the top Italian films produced in 2014 and 2015 that have not yet been screened for South Florida audiences. The festival will also include a tribute to Italian cinema at Tower Theatre in Miami, a Short Film Competition and various documentary screenings. This event is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

13 Living Arts Trust. Inc. d/b/a O Cinema a/f/a for BISTOURY, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

2401 Swanson Avenue
Miami, Florida 33133
SUKHA
October 1-December 31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Bistoury's premiere of "Talashimail," a video-art/dance on camera project directed by Carla Forte and Alexey Taran that seeks to highlight the beauty of the simple and the quotidian and to rescue those moments that characterize us as human beings beyond social, racial, or gender distinctions. "Talashimail" will be presented at O Cinema Wynwood and at Viandante Art Gathering in Little Haiti. "Talashimail" will be free and open to the general public.

14 McCauley Fund To Cure Paralysis, Inc. d/b/a Rise Up Gallery

Recommended Award: \$4,500.00

2301 Collins Avenue, #914
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Rise Up Gallery
October –September 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Rise Up Gallery Project, an organization offering art therapy workshops for people with and without disabilities. The workshops take place the first Friday of every month at Jackson Memorial Hospital from 2-4 pm and will culminate in two art exhibits, showcasing the work on February 15, 2016 and September 15, 2016. Admission is free and open to the public.

15 MERRICK FESTIVAL INCORPORATED

Recommended Award: \$7,500.00

P.O. Box 143506
Coral Gables, Florida 33114
2015 Caroling Competition
December 1-15, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the 2015 Caroling Competition, a free, week-long event involving 30 Miami-Dade, K-8, Middle and Senior High School choirs. The Competition, now in its 29th year, presents over 1,500 local students performing at the 550 Biltmore Building in Coral Gables. All performances are free and open to the public. This grant provides bus money for every school that enters the Competition.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

16 Miami Dade Broadband Coalition, Inc. a/f/a for Geeki Girl, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

100 South Biscayne Boulevard, #915
Miami, Florida 33131
Geekiwood; The Real Science Behind Hollywood's Magic
December 5, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support Geekiwood; The Real Science Behind Hollywood's Magic. GeekiWood is dedicated to the science, engineering and technology used in blockbuster Hollywood movies and award-winning television programs. The festival aims to showcase experts in the field of real science used in popular entertainment and enjoyed around the world. This family festival will be held at Florida International University and is open to the general public.

7 Miami short Film Festival, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,250.00

247 SW 8 Street, Suite #393
Miami, Florida 33130
14th Edition of the Miami short Film Festival
November 2-7, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 7, 5 & 12

Funds are requested to support the 14th Edition of the Miami short Film Festival. The Festival will present simultaneous screenings of approximately 80-100 local, national and international short films at Cinopolis, Miami Beach Cinematheque, Downtown Doral Park, O Cinema Miami Beach, and North Beach Bandshell in Miami-Dade County, November 2-7, 2015. In addition to all screenings being open to the public, two FREE screenings (Downtown Doral Park and North Beach Bandshell) will be offered.

18 Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces - Disability Services

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

275 NW 2nd Street, Suite 517
Miami, Florida 33128
In-Park Series
October 5, 2015-February 6, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the In-Park Series Project. Adults with intellectual disabilities have an opportunity to explore new forms of self-expression, through movement and dance as well as drama, that will increase their positive experience with the arts. The program creates an opportunity for adults with intellectual disabilities to perform in front of a public audience. The performance event is free and open to the public and it will take place at A.D. Barnes Park.

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19 Music in Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

2961 NE 185 Street, Unit 1618
Aventura, Florida 33180
Music in Miami Concert and Educational Series
October 18, 2015-July 31, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Music in Miami's 7 classical chamber concerts and 2 educational series at Trinity Cathedral, Miami Children's Museum, Pérez Art Museum Miami and History Miami. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

20 PAXy, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

20 Alhambra Circle, Apt. 5
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Wake up Miami!
October 5-December 17, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Wake up Miami!," a two month series of ten (10) live music performances. The project will bring free concerts to Government Center's Metromover Station every Monday morning. The programs will be from forty-five (45) to ninety (90) minutes in length and will feature classical, jazz, and world music presented by FIU School of Music's students and other Miami-based performers. This event is open to the public.

21 Peter London Global Dance Company, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

1470 NE 123, Street A605
North Miami, Florida 33161
Leah, a Biblical Contemporary Dance
October 1-December 31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5

Funds are requested to support the creation of "Leah," a contemporary dance inspired by the Biblical character of the same name and created by choreographer Justin Rapaport. The work will be premiered during the "Beach Night Love" program of the Peter London Global Dance Company on October 15, 2015 at the Cuban Hebrew Beth Shmuel Congregation in Miami Beach. "Leah" will also be included in performances at the Carnival Black Box Theater of the Arsht Center on December 18, 19, and 20, 2015. This event is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

22 SAVE Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Homo Sapiens

Recommended Award: \$4,365.00

4500 Biscayne Boulevard, #340
Miami, Florida 33137
GENUS GENET
November 12-27, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the creation and production of an hour-long performance based on the life and work of revolutionary 20th century French playwright, author, cineast Jean Genet. The piece is composed of a series of 9 performative vignettes that include autobiographical references, projected images of his life and times, direct illustrative quotes from his writing, and French music from the period 1915-55. This event will be presented at Miami Theatre Center's Sandbox Theatre and is open to the public.

23 South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,000.00

1390 South Dixie Highway, Suite 2203
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park
November 20, 2015-September 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park. The Community Artist Program showcases the work of local artists inspired by South Florida's national parks. Four exhibitions of original art will be mounted during the FY 2015-2016 season. The shows will be open to the public, free of charge.

24 Stars of the Performing Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,625.00

8567 SW 24 Street, Unit 154
Miami, Florida 33155
Tangos and Fandangos/Entre Tangos y Fandangos
October 1-December 18, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Stars of the Performing Arts (SOPA) season opening and original production of Tangos and Fandangos/Entre Tango y Fandangos at Manuel Artime Theater under the artistic direction of world renowned Spaniard tenor, actor and musician Habyb Yarull. This play is one of four projects for SOPA's 2016 premiere season and is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

25 THE GERMAN SCHOOL OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Recommended Award: \$4,125.00

P.O. Box 431081
Miami, Florida 33243
Oktoberfest
October 10, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the 24th annual GIPA Oktoberfest celebration, which will be held on October 10, 2015 at the German American Social Club. Authentic German cuisine and culture will be on display, including dance and artistic performances from more than 250 children from the 4 member schools. The event is free and open to the public and includes games, rides, a silent auction and a host of traditional tastes that pay tribute to the greatest German heritage celebration.

26 The Sunflower Society, Inc

Recommended Award: \$3,750.00

1400 NE 125 Street
Miami, Florida 33161
Sunflower After School Art for Life
October 2-June 3, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5

Funds are requested to support free after school art classes at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and the Culmer Center. In addition, Sunflower Society will be involved in free community events including Veteran's Day Parade, School Expo (Miami-Dade School Board) in the last week of November, and Holiday Bazaar in December at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, as well as Student Art Exhibits. These events are open to the public.

27 University of Miami, Frost School of Music

Recommended Award: \$11,250.00

1320 South Dixie Highway, Suite 932
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Festival Miami 2015
October 16-November 7, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested for FESTIVAL MIAMI, Florida's premier live music festival. The Festival will offer vibrant performances by the biggest names on the music scene from around the globe who will showcase their talents alongside the outstanding students and faculty artists from the Frost School of Music. More than 20 performances, organized into four themes: Great Performances, Jazz and Beyond, Music of the Americas, and Creative American Music, will be held in the intimate setting of the 600-seat University of Miami's Maurice Gusman Concert Hall. This event is open to the public.

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28 Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens

Recommended Award: \$7,500.00

12645 Pinecrest Parkway

Pinecrest, Florida 33156

2015 Holiday Festival and Nights of Lights at Pinecrest Gardens

December 5, 2015-January 2, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support this annual, holiday festival to be held at Pinecrest Gardens. The event will again kick-off two weeks of the Nights of Lights celebration which is expected to draw over 9,000 participants over the holiday season. Activities will feature music, dance and theater performances, hands-on art activities, puppeteers, model trains, rides, storytelling and the lighting of the Village tree and Menorah. This event is open to the public.

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