


Date: March 16, 2016

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 25 grants for a total of \$123,000.00 from the FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 Community Grants program panel chaired by Councilor Jana Sigars-Malina convened on March 3, 2016, to review 25 applications requesting \$194,700.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 25 applicants for a total of \$123,000.00.

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) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1 A Greener Miami, Inc.
3000 SW 3 Avenue, #608
Miami, Florida 33129
Music @ the Markets
April 2-23, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

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

Funds are requested to support Music @ the Markets, a live music program presented in farmers' markets held at the Normandy Village Marketplace, South Pointe Triangle Park, Arsht Center Town Center and the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center. The programs include classical music, jazz, and Latin American and Caribbean ethnic compositions. These events will be open to the public and will be free of charge.

2 Academia de las Luminarias de las Bellas Artes, Inc.
6702 SW 25 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33155
3rd Annual Ernesto Lecuona International Music Festival (Festival Internacional Ernesto Lecuona)
April 10, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,282.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 3rd Annual Ernesto Lecuona International Music Festival at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium. This festival, the first and only one of its kind in the world, celebrates the rich, worldwide musical legacy of one of Cuba's most beloved composers, Ernesto Lecuona (1895-1963). The festival will feature performances by artists representing 10 nations, including Cuba and is open to the public.

3 Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. a/f/a for Art in the Sky
225 NE 5 Street
Miami, Florida 33137
Art In The Sky
April 1-September 30, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3 & 7*

Funds are requested to support Art In The Sky, an interactive public art installation at Museum Park/Bicentennial Park, Opa-Locka, Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus, The Park at Midtown Miami, and Bayfront Park. The project consists of large-scale helium sculptures engaging in multi-sensory experiences intended to stimulate imagination, critical thinking, and dialogue. All events will be free of charge and open to the public.

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4 Big Blue & You, Inc.
212 NE 154 Street
Miami, Florida 33162
ArtSea Festival 2016
April 23, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support Big Blue and You's Art Sea Festival, a free event at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park that aims to engage youth ages 5-18, with a particular focus on underserved communities and at-risk youth in Miami-Dade. In 2016, ArtSea expects 2,000 participants, over 65% of whom will be youth who will create art projects focusing on ocean conservation. Participants will use mediums from the ocean, recyclable items, and other elements to develop these projects. This program is open to the public.

5 Caribbean American Heritage Florida Inc
1395 Brickell Ave, Suite 800
Miami, Florida 33131
Kookoo Caribbean Film Festival
June 1-5, 2016

Recommended Award: \$3,953.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 8*

Funds are requested to support the production of an annual Caribbean Film Festival and Cultural Showcase to be held at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, Lyric Theater, and South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center during the Miami Film Month and Caribbean American Heritage Month. The festival is open to the public.

6 Dade Heritage Trust, Inc.
190 SE 12 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33131
Heritage Trails Walking and Bike Tour Program
April 9-September 30, 2016

Recommended Award: \$3,294.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support a new program presented by Dade Heritage Trust (DHT) offering weekly Brickell Avenue guided walking tours and monthly themed bicycle tours that focus on architecture, environment, and culture in urban Miami. The tours will provide participants with an overview of Miami's architectural heritage, the architecture of today, the archaeological richness of Brickell and downtown, the dynamics of Biscayne Bay, public art and more, all originating from DHT's office. This program is open to the public.

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7 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$9,882.00

P.O. Box 380358
Miami, Florida 33138
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARADE AND FESTIVITIES
January 18, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Festivities, a signature event that is a part of the national registry of Dr. King-related signature events. This year's parade will include more than 150 units including: corporate floats, federal, state and local elected officials, 25 local high school and university bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, fraternities, churches, and nonprofits. The parade will take place through Liberty City/Brownsville on MLK Boulevard and is open to the public.

8 El Ingenio Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

1228 West Avenue, Suite 1510
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
El Caso de Hamlet/The Hamlet Case
April 1-24, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the presentation of the play El Caso de Hamlet (The Hamlet Case), an original play by Raquel Carrio based on Shakespeare's timeless classic, presented by El Ingenio and performed in Spanish with English supertitles. The play will be directed by Lilliam Vega and it will include a cast of five actors. The eight performances will be take place at the Koubek Center in Little Havana.

**9 Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Inc.
a/f/a for Centro Cultural Bolivian Masis, Corp.**

Recommended Award: \$5,600.00

7480 Fairway Drive, Suite 205
Miami, Florida 33014
Second Annual Bolivian Carnival of Miami
April 23, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12*

Funds are requested to support the Second Bolivian Carnival Miami USA - Parade, which supports the Centro Cultural Bolivian Masis' commitment to preserve cultural practices and heritage, and improve the quality of community life. The parade will be presented at the City of Sweetwater and will include groups of dancers from the famous Carnival of Oruro-Bolivia, Patrimony of Humanity under a Proclamation by UNESCO in 2001. This event is free event and open to the public.

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10 Greater Miami Billfish Tournament, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

P.O. Box 1036
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
Baywalk Arts Festival
April 21-23, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Baywalk Arts Festival of the Yamaha Contender Miami Sportfish Tournament. This arts and crafts festival was developed as an additional component of the tournament to include daily baywalk activities which are free and open to the public. All events take place at the Miami Beach Marina.

11 Heroes Unite, Inc. a/f/a for Lab 9

Recommended Award: \$3,953.00

1330 NE 125 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
Them Beaux
April 4-May 14, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Them Beaux, a multimedia performance that blends film and theater into a cohesive piece. Set during the civil war era, this show will explore sexual identity, race issues, and gender equity. The performance will take place at the Miami Theater Center SandBox and is open to the public.

12 IlluminArts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

40 NW 3 Street, Suite 305
Miami Beach, Florida 33128
IlluminArts presents performance of Pulitzer Prize winning composition at the Pérez Art Museum Miami
May 24-June 2, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the 2016 IlluminArts performance of David Lang's 2008 Pulitzer Prize winning composition, The Little Match Girl Passion, at the Pérez Art Museum Miami to highlight the highly anticipated exhibition of Colombian sculptor, Doris Salcedo. Illuminarts will collaborate with Nu Deco Ensemble to provide percussion and engage renowned director R.B. Schlather to direct the production. The performance will be free of charge and open to the public.

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13 Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

6278 N. Federal Highway, #351
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass
April 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support a professional performance by the Master Chorale of South Florida (MCSF) of Josef Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami. The chorale will be accompanied by the Lynn University Philharmonia Orchestra. MCSF will perform for music lovers ranging in age, nationality and background. This event is open to the public.

14 MDGLCC FOUNDATION, INC.

a/f/a for Miami Beach - Miami LGBT Sports and Cultural League Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

1130 Washington Avenue, 1st Floor
North Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Collins Park Cultural Arts Fest
June 4, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support Collins Park Cultural Arts Fest, a one day cultural arts event at Collins Park, Miami Beach. The event is free to the public, and open to all ages and will provide a sample showcase of the arts program that will be presented during World OutGames Miami in 2017. Featuring a minimum of 10 performers, Collins Park Cultural Arts Fest will showcase local dance, vocal and instrumental music, literary/artistic performance, and feature a pop-up village.

15 Miami International Jazz Fest Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

1998 NE 180 Street
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162
2016 Miami International Jazz Festival
April 28-30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the 3rd annual Miami International Jazz Festival taking place at the Koubek Center, Little Haiti Cultural Center, and the Julius Littman Theater. The festival will feature The Rodriguez Bros., Mozayik, The Allan Harris Band, and singers Natalia Sulca and Roxana Amed. Two master classes will be offered free-of-charge to music students by guest artists prior to the festival events. Free admission will also be made available for area high school music students. This event is open to the public.

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16 Miami Jazz Cooperative, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,953.00

PO Box 44
South Miami, Florida 33143
Jazz For Kids Of All Ages
April 17, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support bringing a jazz concert to the South Miami/unincorporated Miami-Dade County communities where live music is not easily found. Jazz For Kids of All Ages will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami and will feature 15 of South Florida's best known jazz artists performing children's songs, TV themes, and video game music infusing them with a jazz flavor. This concert is open to the public.

17 Miami River Fund, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,588.00

1407 NW 7 Street, Suite D
Miami, Florida 33125
Free 20th Annual Miami Riverday
April 2, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 20th Annual Miami Riverday, an event celebrating the history and culture of the Miami River. The festival includes live music from local bands, educational riverboat tours, historical re-enactments portraying life along the old Miami River, historic tours of the Lummus Park Historic District, environmental education workshops, and activities for children. This event is free and open to the public.

18 Nu Deco Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

3512 Estepona Ave
Miami, Florida 33178
Nu Deco Ensemble Season One Closing Concerts at The Light Box Theater and Week-long Artist Residency Outreach Activities
April 25-30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the closing concerts of Greater Miami's Nu Deco ensemble that offers a hybrid of music and multimedia performances focused on works by 21st-century composers. Two performances will take place at The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse in Wynwood and will include a week-long residency by the musicians engaging in community-based outreach activities involving school-age music magnet students and developing musicians. These events are open to the public.

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19 NWD Projects, Inc.

6820 SW 65 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33143
National Water Dance/Miami 2016
April 1-30, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8*

Funds are requested to support the Miami-Dade portion of National Water Dance 2016, a site-specific dance event occurring at the Deering Estate at Cutler and other secondary sites including Miami-Dade College Kendall Campus, New World School of the Arts, Cutler Bay Middle School, Bridegeprep Academy of Arts & Minds, and Poinciana Park Elementary School. Students from elementary to college age will create this performance along with professional dance companies and musicians. Field trips and curriculum templates are being provided to inform the participants about water issues. This event is free and open to the public.

20 Take Stock Inc.

14352 SW 160 Terrace,
Miami, Florida 33177
Evolution of Steelpan
April 28-30, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,612.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the production of Evolution of Steelpan, a compelling event including feature film, live performance, workshops, and spoken word. The intention of this program is to act as a support mechanism and platform for local and national school-based steelpan ensembles. The event will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Center and is open to the public.

21 The Alexander Foundation Formless Heart Fellowship, Inc

2829 Bird Avenue, Suite 10
Miami, Florida 33133
Discover Life Force Folkloric Dance Festival
April 2, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the annual Discover Life Force Folkloric Dance Festival. Professional folkloric dancers of all ages from around the world come together to promote unity, cultural roots, and traditional folk dance. A professional video and photographs will be free to performers to magnify participation benefits. This ticketed event will take place at the Koubek Center Theater and is open to the public.

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22 The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,966.00

40 NW 3 Street, Suite 305
Miami Beach, Florida 33128
Miami Beach Gay Pride Festival
April 8-10, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Miami Beach Gay Pride Festival, 2016, a two-day event at Lummus Park featuring over 125 LGBT-friendly vendors and businesses, celebrities, musical performances, refreshments, food, and a family-friendly play area. This event is free and open to the public.

23 The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

3550 NW 42 Street
Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33309
Oratorio Season 2015-2016
April 1-30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1 & 2*

Funds are requested to support the organization's effort to bring high level of classical music to the inner city community and to attract and assist young singers to a higher level of classical and cultural music, as well as encourage interested participants to further enhance their musical talents in the arts. The concerts will take place at the First Church of North Miami Congregational Church and the Sierra Norwood Calvary Baptist Church.

24 Tradisyon Lakou Lakay, Inc. a/f/a for Crianza de Ouro

Recommended Award: \$4,743.00

10802 NE 4 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33161
Capoeira Cordao de Ouro and Criança de Ouro Festival Vadiando Embaixo dos Coqueirais Batizado Miami 2016
April 1-25, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Criança de Ouro's Festival Vadiando Embaixo dos Coqueirais Batizado Miami 2016, a week-long intensive capoeira festival including workshops for children from Little Haiti Soccer Park and capoeira performances at the Little Haiti Soccer Park and Little Haiti Cultural Center. This event is open to the public.

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25 Urban Reflections, Inc.
780 NE 69 Street, Unit 702
Miami, Florida 33138
Art of Fashion
June 17-18, 2016

Recommended Award: \$4,941.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Art of Fashion, a production by Urban Reflections. Scheduled to take place at Mana Wynwood and LMNT Wynwood, the event will serve as a platform to showcase Miami's professional and aspiring artists, designers, chefs, filmmakers, and musicians. This will be a ticketed event open to the general public.

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