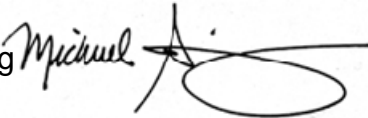


Memorandum



Date: March 18, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 26 grants for a total of \$129,000.00 from the FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants program panel chaired by Deborah Margol convened on Thursday, February 26, 2015, to review 26 applications requesting \$194,655.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 26 applicants for a total of \$129,000.00.

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
FY2014-15 Community Grants (CG) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1 A Greener Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

3000 SW 3 Avenue #608
Miami, Florida 33129
Music @ the Markets
April 4-17, 2015

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 University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, Collins Park, South Pointe Elementary School and Museum Park. The presentations will showcase classical music, ethnic music from the Americas and jazz performed by local musicians for audiences who will be educated about diverse musical genres while entertained in non-traditional venues. These events are open to the public.

2 Area Performance Gallery, Inc. a/f/a for Nazmo Dance Collective

Recommended Award: \$5,326

1560 South Dixie Highway, Suite 103
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
[re]CLAIM
May 15-17, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support [re]CLAIM, an interdisciplinary dance performance and hands-on workshops that addresses the effect of art in non-traditional spaces and forms. Influenced by graffiti, pop art, and accusations of plagiarism in popular culture, the project combines an evening performance and afternoon workshops that address how artists reclaim ownership of space and ideas as a canvas for social change. This event will be held at the RIFT Blackbox Theater and is open to the public.

3 Arts Ballet Theater of Florida a/f/a for The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160
Great Moments from Opera, Ballet and Zarzuela
April 17-May 17, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support a performance of Great Moments from Opera, Ballet and Zarzuela at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium (MDCA) for the Miami-Dade community. This program will be co-presented by MDCA and The Opera Atelier. This staged music program will include elements from different artistic disciplines and will feature the collaboration of different local organizations such as Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Florida Chamber Orchestra and Amazonia Vocal Ensemble.

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4 Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Jazz Educator Community Coalition

Recommended Award: \$3,071

2921 Coral Way
Miami, Florida 33145
JECC Jazz Bootcamp Ensemble
April 2-18, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support a live musical performance by the Jazz Educators Community Coalition Boot Camp Ensemble, showcasing young musicians from Miami-Dade and Broward County schools, in addition to special guests. The performance will take place at The Hampton House and will include a multimedia exhibit about the history of The Hampton House which would be viewed prior to the performance and during the intermission. This event is open to the public.

5 City of North Miami Beach

Recommended Award: \$3,550

17011 NE 19 Avenue
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162
City of North Miami Beach 1st Annual Community Spring Festival
April 19, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support the First Annual Community Spring Festival featuring live music, arts and crafts, dance performances, hand crafted jewelry and activities for children, taking place between 19 and 20 Avenue along Hanford Boulevard in the City of North Miami Beach. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

6 Fire Haus Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,260

8000 SW 26 Street
Miami, Florida 33155
2015 Altered Arts Festival
April 1 – June 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9, 7 & 10*

Funds are requested to support the Altered Arts Festival that will showcase duo piano virtuosos Kirk Whipple and Marilyn Morales, and other South Florida based performing artists. The festival will also include a curated exhibition by two local photographers, Julian Sanz and Jorge Fernandez. These events will be held at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum and other venues during the months of April, May and June.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

7 Florida Opera Prima, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

500 NW 36 Street, Suite 302
Miami, Florida 33127
Cecilia Valdés
May 17, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the production and presentation of *Cecilia Valdés*, a Cuban zarzuela by Gonzalo Roig that reveals the intricate problems of race relations in colonial Cuba in the 1800's. The performance is open to the public and will take place at the Manuel Arttime Theater.

8 Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

101 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33130
Spring Cultural Arts Program Series
April 1 – June 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 8, 10 & 11*

Funds are requested to support the Miami-Dade Public Library System's Spring Cultural Arts Program Series comprised of interactive art exhibits and cultural programs throughout the 48 branch system with an attendance of more than 10,000 people. This free series features artists using video, music, theater, painting, crafts, dance and storytelling to stimulate the imagination, share histories, and encourage in the audience a desire to see and learn more about the arts. These events are open to the public.

9 Fuzion Dance Artists, Inc. a/f/a for Collective Portal

Recommended Award: \$2,840

1935 SW 18 Street
Miami, Florida 33145
T.M.I. (too much information)
April 1 to May 4, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Collective Portal's "T.M.I. (too much information)," two evenings of a multidisciplinary performance at the RIFT Blackbox Theater. With the use of dance, theatre, film, animation and sound, "T.M.I." will bring awareness about the way we communicate with one another in current times. Performances are open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

10 Greater Miami Billfish Tournament, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,663

2903 Salzedo Street
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Baywalk Arts Festival
April 23-25, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Baywalk Arts Festival of the Yamaha Contender Miami Billfish 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.

Recommended Award: \$4,260

1330 NE 125 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
The Heroines Choir & Arts 4 Healing
April 1 – June 30, 2015

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

Funds are requested to support The Heroines Choir in delivering three public performances at Area Stage and the Newport Hotel to educate audiences about the power of the arts as a therapeutic modality. Performances will feature local artists, cultural arts groups and recognized medical therapists in interactive, educational and thought provoking presentations. The aim is to generate awareness about cultural, performing and medical arts as complementary elements for personal and social transformation. This event is open to the public.

12 Hispanic American Lyrical Theater, Inc. a/f/a for Miami Chamber Music Society

Recommended Award: \$5,326

9130 SW 123 Ave Court
Miami, Florida 33186
Mainly Mozart Festival 2015
April 26 to June 21, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6*

Funds are requested to support the XXII Edition of the Mainly Mozart Festival. The landmark festival will present world class visiting guest artists and showcase the finest South Florida classical musicians. Nine concerts will be presented at The Biltmore Hotel. In addition, the festival will present 2 interactive educational concerts for children. The festival is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

13 Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

6278 North Federal Highway, #351
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
Bach & the Best of Baroque
April 25, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support a professional performance by the Master Chorale of South Florida (MCSF) honoring J.S. Bach and composers of his times. The concert will be accompanied by The Symphonia. MCSF will perform for music lovers ranging in age, nationality and background. This event is open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

14 Miami International Jazz Fest Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

1998 NE 180 Street
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162
2015 Miami International Jazz Festival
May 1-3, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Second Annual Miami International Jazz Festival at the Cuba Ocho Cultural Arts Center, the Manuel Artime Theatre and the Miami Senior High School Auditorium. This festival features artists such as Brian Lynch, Lew Soloff, Johnny Rodriguez and others over a three day festival that is open to the public. Workshops and internships will be offered to area youth as part of the festival's outreach program.

15 Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Siren Arts

Recommended Award: \$4,793

PO Box 545865
Miami Beach, Florida 33154
The Mermaid Tear Factory
April 1-26-2015

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

Funds are requested to support the production and performance of The Mermaid Tear Factory, a site specific, beach-based environmental performance that deals with the specific issue of plastics garbage dispersion in the ocean, and the cultural mythos of Yemanjá (the goddess of the sea), and other sea goddess-monster/mermaid manifestations. These free performances will be presented on three different waterfronts/beaches in Miami-Dade County with intent of reaching a diverse citizenry. This event is open to the public.

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FY2014-15 Community Grants (CG) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

16 Miami River Fund, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,101

1407 NW 7 Street, Suite D
Miami, Florida 33125
Free 19th Annual Miami Riverday
April 11, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 19th 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.

17 National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

P O Box 350891
Miami, Florida 33135
27 Annual National Art Exhibition by the Mentally Ill
April 30-May 29,2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support National Art Exhibitions by the Mentally Ill's 27 Annual Art Exhibition at the Ideobox Gallery. This exhibition showcases work by 15 artists with mental illnesses from 5 different countries. This exhibition educates and brings awareness to the community about mental illness. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

18 National Tropical Botanical Garden, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

4013 Douglas Road
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133
Everglades Connections
May 4-June 27, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7 & 8*

Funds are requested to present the Everglades Connections-100th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail, a project that encompasses an art exhibit featuring botanical art plant variations along the trail by local artists, Everglades tours led by Kampong curator David Jones and art workshops led by botanical artists Silvia Bota and Elsa Nadal focusing on endemic plants from the Everglades. This event is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

19 Nu Deco Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,148

3512 Estepona Avenue
Miami, Florida 33178

Nu Deco Ensemble Debut Concert at The Light Box Theater and Week-long Artist Residency Outreach Activities
April 1 – 5, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the inaugural concert of Greater Miami's new music ensemble that will offer a hybrid of music and multimedia performances focused on works by 21st-century composers. The performance 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. This event is open to the public.

20 Pari Passu Foundation, Inc

Recommended Award: \$4,530

9024 West Flagler Street, # 1
Miami, Florida 33174

Haiti's Resilient Architecture - Gingerbread Houses: Rescuing an Endangered Species
May 7 – June 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 11*

Funds are requested to support an exhibit to showcase the Gingerbread Style of Haitian architecture with an opening night panel discussion about the importance of their preservation. The exhibit aims to portray the distinctive architecture elements, details and urban context in which these century old homes came to survive. The exhibit is open to the public and runs concurrently with other activities as part of the Haitian Heritage Month.

21 The Dance Now! Ensemble Inc. a/f/a for Atma Yogadance

Recommended Award: \$5,326

PO Box 416525
Miami Beach, Florida 33141

"Create, Perform, Empower"
April 7 – May 25, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2 & 3*

Funds are requested to support "Create, Perform, Empower," Atma Yogadance's performances and outreach workshop series at the Little Haiti Cultural Center and Performing Arts Network. The performances will include participating students from Girl Power and Atma Yogadance company dancers. The performances and workshops are free and open to the public.

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**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2012-13 Community Grants (CG) Program – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendation**

22 The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for PhilanthroFest International, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,652

2246 SW 1 Street
Miami, Florida 33135
PhilanthroFest 2015 "Carnival of Dreams" Festival
April 11, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the PhilanthroFest 2015 Carnival of Dreams Festival, an outdoor family-friendly festival showcasing South Florida's philanthropic organizations, cultural arts groups and community resources, as well as live musical performances and entertainment. Presented at Miami's Museum Park in downtown Miami, PhilanthroFest aims to encourage community engagement and volunteerism. This event is open and free to the public.

23 The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

3550 NW 42 Street
Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33309
Oratorio Season 2014-2015
April 1-June 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2 & 4*

Funds are requested to support The Miami Oratorio Society's Easter and Spring Concerts at the First Church of North Miami Congregational and the Fulford United Methodist Church, respectively. The concerts aim to bring a high level of classical music to the inner city community and engage young singers in a higher level of classical and cultural music, as well as encourage interested participants to further enhance their musical talents in the arts. These concerts are open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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

Recommended Award: \$5,113

425 NE 75 Street
Miami, Florida 33138
Cordao de Ouro and Criança de Ouro Vadiando Embaixo dos Coqueiras
April 7-May 16, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Criança de Ouro's Festival Vadiando Embaixo dos Coqueiras, a week-long intensive set of workshops for 50 children from Little Haiti Soccer Park and 20 adults from Little Haiti Cultural Center. The workshops will culminate with two capoeira performances open to the public in the Little Haiti Soccer Park and the Little Haiti Cultural Center. This event is open to the public.

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FY 2012-13 Community Grants (CG) Program – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendation**

25 Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,326

1000 NW Avenue, Suite 100
Miami, Florida 33136
Keeping it On- On Tour
April 1 – June 26, 2015

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

Funds are requested to support two tour dates for, "Keeping it On" On Tour. The tour will include a play prequel, short film screening, community art talk back with special guest performances by spoken word artist Rebecca Butterfly Vaughns and female drum ensemble Venus Rising. The purpose of the tour is to help raise awareness, educate the community and help prevent teen dating violence and abuse. The ticketed events will be held at Cosford and O Cinemas and are open to the public.

26 Village of Biscayne Park

Recommended Award: \$1,776

640 NE 114 Street
Biscayne Park, Florida 33161
The Village of Biscayne Park's "Art in the Park"
May 16, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support The Village of Biscayne Park's "Art in the Park," an art festival featuring live music and entertainment at the Ed Burke Center and is free and open to the public.

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