


Date: May 20, 2015

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2015-16 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2015-2016 award recommendations for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2015-2016 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2015-2016 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 23 grants from the FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Robert J. Jensen, convened on Friday, May 1, 2015 to review 23 applications requesting a total of \$1,260,000. The Panel recommended funding all 23 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories: Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues under \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

Funding for the Youth Arts Miami Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2015-2016 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

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Grant #: 1 - All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba Florida Youth Orchestra

1708 N. 40th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida 33021
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 5,235

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support music education and outreach performances for 5,235 youth ages 5-22, at Title I schools, mainstage concerts and community sites throughout Miami-Dade County. Activities include orchestral training, music lessons for at-risk youth, family concerts for young children, and outreach performances. Participants receive music education, instrument instruction and benefit from improved music ability, social/behavioral skills and self-esteem.

Grant #: 2 - Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.

P.O. BOX 170113
Miami, Florida 33017
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 65

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support The Youth Drum Line (YDL) and the Teens Acting & Drama Studio (TADS) programs for 70 students ages 7-18, at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex and Bunche Park in Miami Gardens. YDL activities will include percussion classes and performances; TADS activities include acting and student performances. Participants will engage in musical and theater arts, while benefitting from learning new arts skills.

Grant #: 3 - American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.

801 SW 3rd Avenue Suite 308
Miami, Florida 33130
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 840

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support American Children's Orchestras for 840 students ages 6-18, at schools and parks in Little Haiti, Allapatah, Overtown, and Little Havana. Program activities include year-round after school programs and musical performances throughout Miami-Dade County. Participants will engage in music lessons and benefit from learning instrumental technique, music theory and music history. This year-round program is designed to provide instruments and free lessons to underserved, at-risk children, using music to improve individual achievement, social skills, parental involvement, and ultimately – children's lives.

Grant #: 4 - Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company

1560 South Dixie Highway Suite 103
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,000

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Area's conservatory program for 1,000 students ages 6-18, at the Area Stage Company in Coral Gables and at Our Pride Academy as well as other schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities include workshops in theater, music, dance, sound and lighting design, and stage management,

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in addition to participation in Area's professional conservatory productions. 10,000 additional students will also participate by attending Area's free dress rehearsals and performances.

Grant #: 5 - Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

415 W. 51 PLACE
HIALEAH, Florida 33012
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 150

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Etudes' performance season for 150 students ages 6-17, at various venues in Hialeah, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes and Miami Beach. Program activities include ballet training and participation by students in professional classical ballet performances. Students will have the opportunity to perform in front of large audiences that include friends and relatives, and demonstrate their newly acquired dance skills.

Grant #: 6 - Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194th St
Miami, Florida 33055
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 175

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Diva Arts' overall programs for 175 students ages 5-19, at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Program activities include a multidisciplinary performing arts curriculum that provides dance training in ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary, tap, hip-hop and musical theater to under-served and at-risk youth. These activities are set in place to educate, empower and enrich these children.

Grant #: 7 - enFAMILIA, INC.

PO BOX 924229
Homestead, Florida 33092
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 600

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support a year-round arts program for 600 students ages 11-18, at enFAMILIA in Homestead and Florida City. Activities include multidisciplinary arts classes, exhibits and performances where students engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts. Students will benefit from learning various arts skills, as well as the causes, consequences and solutions to substance abuse and at-risk behaviors.

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Grant #: 8 - Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

7069 SW 47th ST
Miami, Florida 33155
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 55,000

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 55,000 students ages 0-17, at Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals and community centers throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include touring theatre shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theatre arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

Grant #: 9 - Florida Film Institute, Inc.

640 NE 124th ST
North Miami, Florida 33161
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 140

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Florida Film Institute's CINEMA program for 140 students ages 13 -18, at four Miami-Dade County Public Schools, one community center in North Miami, and at the Coral Gables Art Cinema in Coral Gables. Program activities will include all aspects of filmmaking as an art and career path. Participants will engage in scriptwriting, acting and directing, and benefit from literacy and cinematography skills.

Grant #: 10 - Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset DR
Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 900

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support concerts and outreach programs for over 900 students ages 5-18, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include rehearsals, performances, classes, special events, and summer programs. Participants will engage in weekly orchestra/band rehearsals, instrument classes, sectionals, chamber groups, concerto competition, and outreach and gala concerts, and benefit from increased instrumental and performance skills.

Grant #: 11 - Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.

1439 Miller Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 100

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Guitars Over Guns for 80-100 students ages 11-16, at North Miami Middle School, Allapattah Middle School, and select community based organizations. Program activities will include live performance, recording sessions, and the creation of music videos. Participants will engage in instrument and ensemble instruction as well as music production and benefit from mentorship, music education, and opportunities to showcase their hard work.

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Grant #: 12 - Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 TERR
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 9,300

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Kinad's year-round Mobile Museum cultural arts program for 9,300 students ages 6–16, in under-served communities throughout Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits, with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective, cultural traditions and addressing obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart attack or heart diseases due to poor diets.

Grant #: 13 - Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

1533 Sunset DR #215
Coral Gables, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 275

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support the Miami Children's Chorus program for 275 students ages 8-18, at various venues including the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami, 1st United Methodist Church in Coral Gables and the South Miami-Dade Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Program activities will include rehearsals, concerts, workshops and family sing-alongs. Participants will explore standard and experimental forms of choral music and benefit by developing musicianship, vocal technique, disciplined effort and sustained commitment.

Grant #: 14 - Miami Dance Project, Inc.

7460 SW 117th AVE
Miami, Florida 33183
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 250

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Dance Project's scholarship program for 250 students ages 4-18, at the Kendall, Unique Learning, and Princeton Christian School locations in South Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include dance activities and autism movement therapy. Participants will engage in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance and benefit from improvement in technique, teamwork, physical health and self-esteem.

Grant #: 15 - Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

PO Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 260

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Momentum's educational programs for 260 students ages 6-17, at multiple locations in diverse neighborhoods throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities include dance classes, choreography, performances and mentoring for students who want to pursue dance. Participants will engage in ballet, modern, Indian folkloric and Spanish dance, and benefit from physical, cognitive and performance skills acquired in classes and performances.

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Grant #: 16 - Miami Music Project, Inc.

2125 Biscayne BLVD Unit 215
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 300

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Music Project's educational programming for 300 students ages 6-18, in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Doral and Little Havana. Program activities will include musical instruction and ensemble based activities and performances. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from various skill sets that will improve their cognition, executive function skills, character, and resiliency.

Grant #: 17 - Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

9210 SW 158th Lane
Miami, Florida 33157
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 200

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Youth Ballet's season and educational programs for approximately 200 students ages 8-18, in Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay and South Miami Heights. Season activities will include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Creative workshops, and free master classes at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Dancers will receive expert coaching/training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and awareness of environmental issues and social responsibility.

Grant #: 18 - South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

12645 SW 114 Ave
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 112

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support music instruction for 112 students ages 4-21, at Miami Dade College North Campus in Miami Gardens and the Pawley Center in Opa-Locka. Program activities will include group instrumental instruction, master classes, orchestra ensembles and community concerts. Participants will engage in skills development in music and personal growth, benefiting from training in self-development and confidence through music.

Grant #: 19 - The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.

14401 Old Cutler Road
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 100

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support The Children's Voice Chorus for 100 students ages 7-17, at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay. Program activities will include weekly choral music instruction, music theory, dance, and film and audio production. Participants will engage in music education and choral rehearsals and learn musicianship skills, songwriting skills and vocal technique.

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Grant #: 20 - The Motivational Edge, Inc.

2103 Coral Way 2nd Floor
Miami, Florida 33145
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 400

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support programming for 400 students ages 4-21, at The Motivational Edge center in Allapattah, as well as at various partnering sites in under-served neighborhoods, foster homes and public venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include lyrical expression/music instruction, urban arts, and dance expression. Participants will engage in visual/fine arts, music instruction/production and dance, and benefit from the opportunity to grow and develop through the arts.

Grant #: 21 - The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

8825 SW 19 ST
Miami, Florida 33165
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 100

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support two main stage musicals for 100 students ages 8-23, at the Miami Arts Studio in Miami. Program activities will include workshops taught by guest arts professionals such as Broadway Connection. Participants will engage in acting, singing, and dancing and benefit from learning new musical theatre techniques and developing social and team-building skills.

Grant #: 22 - The South Florida Boys Choir, Incorporated

10212 SW 183 ST
Miami, Florida 33157
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 60

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Hope Through Harmony for 60 students ages 7-18, at the R. R. Moton Elementary School in West Perrine and neighboring South Miami-Dade communities. Program activities will include artistic/performing vocal training and homework tutoring. Participants will engage in voice/movement training, social skills building and on-stage performances, and benefit from artistic-performance training.

Grant #: 23 - The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

5818 SW 73 ST
Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 500

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support "Dance as a Vehicle to Success," for approximately 500 students ages 5-21, at five program sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Grove, Miami Gardens and Cutler Bay. Participants will engage in ballet, tap, modern and alternate dance genres. Students will achieve mastery of dance skills and learn discipline, consistency, focus and the delay of gratification.
