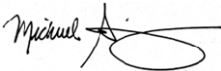


Memorandum



Date: May 18, 2016
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 25 grants for a total of \$87,069.00 from the FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 Community Grants program panel chaired by Councilor Jana Sigars-Malina convened on April 21, 2016, to review 25 applications requesting \$178,114.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 25 applicants for a total of \$87,069.00.

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
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

1. Algo Nuevo Incorporated

412 NW 11 Avenue,
Miami, Florida 33128
Algo Nuevo Series
July 10-September 18, 2016

Recommended Award: \$2,382.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3, 5, 6 & 12*

Funds are requested to present the 10th Annual Algo Nuevo Performance Series. These multigenerational, multicultural performances include folkloric dances and Latin musical rhythms such as the merengue, apambichao, cumbia, tango, bossa nova, jazz and more. Free of charge performances will take place at local senior centers Robert King High Towers, City of Hialeah Gardens Senior Centers, Hialeah Housing Authority and De Hostos Senior Center. Ticketed performance will be held at the Polish American Club. These events are open to the public.

2. Artmonia, Inc.

3715 SW 8 Street
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Our Lady of Habana
July 17-18, 2016

Recommended Award: \$2,256.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2 & 6*

Funds are requested to support three presentations of Our Lady of Habana, a theatrical comedy that has received numerous awards. The performances will take place in the evenings, once per month at Catharsis, a black box theater located next to the Trail Theater.

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

2921 Coral Way
Miami, Florida 33145
JECC @ Pinecrest Gardens with Special Guests
September 25, 2016

Recommended Award: \$3,009.00

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

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 Pinecrest Gardens. This event is open to the public.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

4 Culture and Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,858.00

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Cultural and Musical Souvenirs of the World
July 5-September 3, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 12*

Funds are requested to support the 2016 Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World. This program consists of a series of narrated, bilingual cultural presentations showcasing the beauty of tango and other artforms. The performances will be presented at senior centers throughout Miami-Dade County, including Sweetwater Adult Day Care, West Dade Adult Day Care, Dominique Gardens, Residential Plaza and the Institute of Cuban, Cuban-American Studies and Koubek Center. These events are open to the public.

5. Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,009.00

18441 NW 2 Avenue, Suite 106-108
Miami Gardens, Florida 33169
Recovery In the Arts
July 21-August 18, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.'s innovative Recovery in the Arts project, a series of free art workshops which provide adults with severe and persistent mental illness, a unique healing opportunity to learn, create, and display their artwork at the Recovery Month Exhibit. The project will be held at Fresh Start of Miami Dade, Inc. in Miami Gardens and the Rohde Building in downtown Miami. This exhibit is free of charge and open to the public.

6. Friends of Hopital Albert Schweitzer Haiti

Recommended Award: \$3,760.00

92 NE 117 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33161
Kompa in Wynwood
September 17, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 6*

Funds are requested to support Kompa in Wynwood, an event that brings Haitian culture to the limelight through kompa musicians, visual artists and educational opportunities. The event will take place at Wynwood Yards and is open to the public.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

7. Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,760.00

14963 SW 75 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33193
MiniTheater
July 9-September 10, 2016

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

Funds are requested to support MiniTheatre, an educational arts summer program designed for children between 5 to 12 years old. Led by teaching artists specialized in literature, drama, visual arts and music, MiniTheatre will teach children how to create their own stories, costumes, props and sets. The culminating performance will take place at Artefactus Theater and is open to the public.

8. Green Mobility Network

Recommended Award: \$3,760.00

221 Aragon Avenue, Suite 204
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Ludlam Days
August 16-September 24, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7 & 8*

Funds are requested to support Friends of Ludlam Trail's Ludlam Days 2016 program. In partnership with Florida East Coast Industries, owners of the Ludlam corridor, Ludlam Days will present monthly arts events to attract the community to learn about the multi-year process of land acquisition, design and construction of the trail. The events will take place at A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park, South Miami Middle School and South Miami High School and will be open to the public.

9. IFE-ILE, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,760.00

1336 NW 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33126
Ife-Ile Afro-Cuban Dance Festival
August 11-13, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 9*

Funds are requested to produce the 18th Annual IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival to take place at the Koubek Center. The festival features an array of dance workshops in different dance styles and an academic panel on the latest cultural tendencies related to the Afro-Cuban Diaspora. In this 18th edition, for the closing performance, IFE-ILE will collaborate with Afro-House recording artist Frank Oba Lords and visual artist Aruan Torres. The festival will be held at the Koubek Center.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

10. IFE-ILE, Inc. a/f/a for Lucky Bruno Circus Arts

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

1336 NW 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33126
The Legend of the Pink Elephant
August 23-September 24, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 10*

Funds are requested to support the evening length theatrical play "The Legend of the Pink Elephant," a performance written and directed by Lucky Bruno Circus Arts at Miami Theater Center. Blending theater, dance, music and circus arts, the play is centered on the elephant's journey towards understanding and accepting himself and embracing his uniqueness. Weekday shows will cater to school field trips and weekend evening shows will be ticketed and open to the public.

11. Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,390.00

14840 Naranja Lakes Blvd, C3H
Homestead, Florida 33032
XXV Spanish Literary Contest
July 1-September 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 6, 10 & 11*

Funds are requested to support the XXV Spanish Literary Contest in poetry and short story, open to everyone who enjoys literature in Miami-Dade County. The presentation will feature local poets, as well as visual and performing artists. The literary contest will be judged by a distinguished jury of award winning poets and a book will be printed with awarded works. This event will be held at the New Professions Technical Institute in Little Havana, the West Dade Regional Library and the Peruvian Consulate. Admission is free and open to the public.

12. Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

88 W McIntyre DR, Suite 200
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
The 57th Annual Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade
July 4, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7 & 12*

Funds are requested to support the 57th Annual Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade, a uniquely American tradition. Original floats, high school marching bands, Caribbean musicians, dancers, trail riders, Scottish bagpipers, youth clubs, and more will perform under a new theme for 2016. The parade is a family friendly event held at 100 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne. Admission is free and open to the public.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

13. Lost Girls Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

6310 SW 79 Street, #9
South Miami, Florida 33143
Juliet Among the Changelings
August 12-August 23, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13*

Funds are requested to support Lost Girls Theatre's first production of Juliet Among the Changelings, a performance that explores issues of identity in adolescence through Celtic myths about changelings and fairies, specifically drawing from the Scottish Ballad Tam Lin. Written by Andie Arthur, the play has crafted a theatrical equivalent of a young adult novel, using tropes of urban fantasy and magical realism to replicate the complications of adolescence. The performance will take place at Main Street Playhouse in Miami Lakes and is open to the public.

14. Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

255 Alhambra Circle, Penthouse
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Mainly Mozart Festival 2015, Season Finale at the Arsht Center
July 1-July 3, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 14*

Funds are requested to support the 23rd Mainly Mozart Festival Season Finale concert to take place at the Arsht Center. The concert will celebrate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra musicians from New York, celebrated Israeli soprano Chen Reiss, and a new choreographic commission in collaboration with Miami City Ballet dancers.

15. Miami Dade College

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

300 NE 2 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33132
Teatro Prometeo presents Caceria
July 10-17, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 15*

Funds are requested to support Teatro Prometeo's production of Caceria, a Spanish language adaptation of Arthur Miller's *Crucible* by Cristina Rebull and Illeana Prieto. Four performances will be presented at Miami Dade College's Koubek Center Theatre.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

16. Miami Dade College

Recommended Award: \$2,507.00

11380 NW 27 Avenue, RM 5226-3
Miami, Florida 33167
AP Art Exhibit
August 5, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2 & 16*

Funds are requested to support a Miami-Dade County AP Art Exhibit at Miami Dade College's North Campus Gallery. Through cooperation with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, AP art teachers will be encouraged to forward AP student artwork for jury, display, and awards. With North Campus uniquely located within Miami-Dade County, a free exhibition of artwork available to the surrounding community will enrich the neighborhoods within which North Campus resides.

17. Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Flipside Kings

Recommended Award: \$3,760.00

7256 SW 16 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33155
Miami Expressions
August 12-August 13, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 17*

Funds are requested to support Miami Expressions, an urban arts festival at Miami Light Project. This festival is comprised of an international breakdance competition, discussion panel and multidisciplinary artistic performances and exhibitions. The purpose of this project is to support and enhance the urban arts culture in Miami. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

18. Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

12724 SW 204 Street
Miami, Florida 33177
August Summer MyCM Chamber Music Festival
August 11-21, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 6, 7, 8 & 9*

Funds are requested to support the Summer MyCM Chamber Music Festival: a 10-day Classical Chamber Music Festival that will present three generations of impassioned classical musicians to whom Miami is home. Young professional musicians from Miami embarking on their careers along with Miami's exceptional young musicians and their mentors will present fine chamber music programs and family concerts in historical and artistic venues. The concerts will take place at Courtyard Marriott in Coral Gables, Deering Estate, Bakehouse Complex, Fruit and Spice Park, Cauley Square, Crandon State Park and Coral Gables Museum.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

19. NAME Publications, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

4241 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155
Patricia M. Hernandez: Spooky Action
July 5-September 26, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5 & 19*

Funds are requested to support Spooky Action, a book project and two related events by Cuban American, Miami-born artist and curator Patricia M. Hernandez. The book will be accompanied by two free and public events: in July, a launch and book presentation at VersaceVersaceVersace in Little Haiti as well as a workshop on the role of 3D printing in art and contemporary politics at FIU's Urban Studios in Miami Beach in September.

20. PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,726.00

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, Florida 33167
PATH to Hip Hop Co(l)Lab
July 3-September 25, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support a series of cultural and edutainment (education + entertainment) experiences that preserve and advance the study of Hip Hop culture. This includes workshops, film screenings, cyphers (creative gatherings that feature the artistic elements of Hip Hop culture) and exhibits. These events are hosted in collaboration with the South Florida Hip Hop community and will be presented at MADE at the Citadel and MADE at the Citadel and Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus.

21. SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

11111 Pinkston Drive
Miami, Florida 33176
SBC Youth Zone S.T.R.E.A.M.S Summer Program
July 1-August 12, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

Funds are requested to support the arts component of SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights STREAMS Program. This component will offer free arts classes to 200 youth resulting in a culminating production of Sarafina at Second Baptist Church. This is a collaborative effort of SBC CDC, MDC Kendall and 2 other community summer programs.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

22. South Florida Chamber Ensemble

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

6011 NW 68 Street
Parkland, Florida 33067
Summer Games
July 2-September 17, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 5, 10 & 11*

Funds are requested to support a summer concert series with an Olympic theme. The series includes three classical performances focusing on Greece, Brazil and Russia to take place at the Northeast Regional Library in Aventura. Each comes with an outreach program which will be performed at library branches located in West Dade, West End, Miami Beach and Aventura. These outreach programs include a musical performance of pieces from the country and an architecture activity. All programs are free to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

23. The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

111 SW 3 Street, Studio 607
Miami, Florida 33130
Forbidden Love/Amor Prohibido
July 9, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support a project entitled De Amor y Cenizas (Of Love and Ashes), a thought-provoking production that highlights the themes of intolerance, prejudice and despair, through the lens of love at odds with society. The production brings together theater, opera, and dance in a modern format that crosses the line between popular and classical art forms. The performance will take place at Miami Hispanic Arts and Cultural Center.

24. Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

1000 NW 1 Avenue, Suite 100
Miami, Florida 33136
Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival
July 15, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the first Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival. The purpose of the festival is to create a local platform to elevate youth voices through film and inspire young people to create change. The festival will accept short video submissions featuring youth as key agents for social change or address issues youth care about. The ticketed event will be held at Miami Dade College, Wolfson campus and be open to the public.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2015-16 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

25 Voices United, Inc.

285 West Enid Drive

Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

Every 28 Hours: VU Edition

August 20-September 24, 2016

Recommended Award: \$3,761.00

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

Funds are requested to support the preparation, adaptation and production of Every 28 Hours: Voices United Edition, inspired by the 2014 events in Ferguson, Missouri and the statistic that every 28 hours, a black person is killed by the police. The work will be performed by young adult performers and will represent the Florida premiere of Every 28 Hours. The performances will take place at Performing Arts Network, Jose de Diego Middle School and Barry University and be open to the public.

**The districts identified for each grantee indicate the location(s) of the majority of the particular organizer's performance(s)/event(s)/project(s). However, audiences and participants attending the performance(s)/event(s)/project(s) come from throughout the County and the region.*