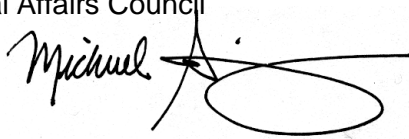


Date: May 18, 2016

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2016-17 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants from the FY 2016-2017 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2016-2017 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Department of Cultural Affairs Deputy Director Deborah J. Margol, convened on Friday, May 6, 2016 to review 28 applications requesting a total of \$1,575,000. The Panel recommended funding all 28 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 2016-2017 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2016-17 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Award Recommendations**

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: 3,500

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

Grant funds will be used to support music education and outreach performances for 3,500 youth ages 5-18, at public schools, mainstage concerts and community sites in a variety of cities/neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. Activities include orchestral training, violin instruction for at-risk youth, Family Concerts for young children, and outreach performances. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved: musical 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 65 students ages 7-18, at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens. YDL activities will include percussion classes, performances, music theory, sight-reading, music composition and applied skills; TADS activities include acting, student performances, voice and diction and stage craft skill development. Participants will engage in musical and theater arts, while benefitting from learning new arts skills.

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

2150 Coral Way Suite 3-C
Miami, Florida 33145
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 2,375

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

Grant funds will be used to support ACOP's musical programs impacting 2,375 students ages 6-18, at schools and parks located within the most economically challenged areas of Miami-Dade County, including Little Haiti, Overtown, and Little Havana. Activities include year-round after school music programs and performances throughout Miami-Dade's multi-ethnic communities. Participants will engage in music lessons and benefit from learning instrumental technique, music theory, and music history.

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 support the Area Stage Company's (ASC) Conservatory Program for 1,000 students ages 6-22, at the Area Stage Company in Coral Gables and at area schools for children with developmental disabilities. Activities include workshops in theater, musical theatre, orchestra and technical theatre, and participation in ASC's professional conservatory productions. 10,000 additional students will participate by attending free dress rehearsals and field trip performances.

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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' outreach and performance season for 150 students ages 10-17 at various venues across Miami-Dade County in the communities of Hialeah, Miami Lakes, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include ballet training and performances. Participants will engage in ballet training and benefit from artistic and personal development.

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 the City of Miami Gardens. Program activities will include a multi-disciplinary performing arts curriculum that provides training in ballet, modern, contemporary, tap, hip-hop, acrobatics and choreography to under-served youth, in order to educate, empower and enrich the participating children and youth.

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.

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 children and youth ages 0-17, at Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals and community centers throughout all of 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.

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Grant #: 9 - Florida Film Institute, Inc.

640 NE 124th ST
North Miami, Florida 33161
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 120

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 120 students ages 13-18, at four Miami-Dade County public schools in Miami Beach, mid-town, Miami Lakes and South 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 script writing, acting and directing and benefit from literacy and working together as a team to produce a short film.

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, a concerto competition, and outreach and gala concerts, and benefit from increased instrumental and performance skills.

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

169 East Flagler Street Suite 1134
Miami, Florida 33131
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 500

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

Funds will support Guitars Over Guns programs for over 500 youth ages 11-16, at North Miami, Georgia Jones Ayers, Citrus Grove, Jose de Diego and Cutler Bay schools, as well as at select community based organizations. Activities include instruction, performance, recording sessions, gallery showings and creating music videos. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship and showcase opportunities.

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 children and youth ages 6-16 from under-served communities across 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.

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

1533 Sunset DR #215
Coral Gables, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 280

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 280 students age 8-18, in the neighborhoods of Coral Gables, Homestead, Kendall, Little Havana, North Beach, South Miami and the City of Miami. 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.

6840 SW 81st Terr
Miami, Florida 33143
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 (MDP) scholarship program for 250 students, including 75 students with autism, ages 5-18, at MDP's main location near South Miami, and two outreach sites in Princeton and Kendall. Program activities will include ballet, tap, jazz, modern dance, and yoga activities. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history knowledge, social skills, and healthier habits.

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

PO Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,682

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

Grant funds will be used to support Momentum's Educational Children's Programming for 1,682 students ages 3-17, at Perrine Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle, Southwest High, and the Carrie Meek Community Center, as well as a performance series at the Coral Gables Public Library and Miami Beach Regional Library. Participants will engage in and benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes, rehearsals and performances.

Grant #: 16 - Miami Music Project, Inc.

2125 Biscayne BLVD Unit 215
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 690

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

Grant funds will be used to support educational programming for 690 students ages 6-18, in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Doral and Little Havana. Program activities will include musical ensemble based activities. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from learning a new skill sets, leadership skills, teamwork, executive function skills and resiliency.

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Grant #: 17 - Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

11155 SW 112th AVE Suite 501
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 550

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

Grant funds will be used to support program activities for 550 students ages 4-19 , year-round at the Coral Gables Youth Center and Alper JCC in Coral Gables and Kendall. Program activities will include theater classes, productions and summer camps. Participants will engage in performing arts disciplines such as singing, acting and dancing and will benefit from being part of a team that works together to create a full-scale production.

Grant #: 18 - Miami Theater Center Inc.

9806 NE 2nd AVE
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 18,000

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

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Theater Center's performances, educational, and theater inclusion programs (TIP), for 18,000 children, youth and young adults ages 6-22. TIP Performances will be enhanced with high-quality, curriculum-based study guides and will include Sensory-friendly and theater inclusion performances. Musical Theater Camps and InSchool Workshops for students plus OnCall sessions for hospitalized children/youth will stimulate educational and social development progress.

Grant #: 19 - Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

9210 SW 158th Lane
Miami, Florida 33157
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 4,010

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 4,000 students ages 8-18 in Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay and South Miami Heights. Season activities will include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals and Dance Creative workshop 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 #: 20 - Musically, Inc.

9225 SW 8 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33174
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 general music classes, theory/piano lab, orchestras, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 600 students ages 2-18, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music education programs, musical performances and workshops and benefit by improving their understanding and knowledge in music and their instrumental skills.

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Grant #: 21 - National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.

2100 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 4,000

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

Grant funds will be used to support National YoungArts Foundation programs for 4,000 students ages 15-18, at the YoungArts Campus, New World Center, Colony Theatre, and other venues across Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include master classes, interdisciplinary workshops, performances, exhibitions, in-school presentations, gallery tours. Participants will engage in the visual, performing, literary and design arts and benefit from enhanced appreciation of the arts.

Grant #: 22 - PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hip-hop, Inc.

10917 NW 12 Ct
Miami, Florida 33167
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,200

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

Grant funds will be used to support PATH to Hip Hop for 1,200 students ages 13-22, at MADE at the Citadel and partner venues in Little Haiti, Wynwood and Overtown. Program activities will include workshops, community events and arts mentorships. Participants will engage in DJ/music production, MC/Spoken Word, Bboy/Bgirl, and Urban Art and benefit from working directly with professional working artists and industry leaders.

Grant #: 23 - South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

12645 SW 114 Ave
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 115

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

Grant funds will be used to support the training of 115 students ages 4-21, at Miami Dade College North Campus, Pawley Creative Arts Center in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include Sunday afternoon classes and rehearsals, and up to four concerts from October through July. Participants will engage in Music development and benefit from lessons, individual coaching, and public concerts.

Grant #: 24 - 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 #: 25 - 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 Motivational Edge programs for over 400 students ages 4-20, at various foster homes, homeless shelters, community centers, public parks and residential juvenile justice facilities throughout Miami-Dade County, with an emphasis on the violence stricken northwest region. Program activities will include lyrical expression, urban art, dance, life skill initiatives and mentoring which will allow participants to develop holistically through the arts.

Grant #: 26 - 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 Florida International University in Miami. Program activities at Roxy's studio location will include workshops taught by professional guest artists. Participants will engage in acting, singing, dancing, and benefit from learning new musical theatre techniques and developing social and team-building skills.

Grant #: 27 - The South Florida Boys Choir, Incorporated

10212 SW 183 ST
Miami, Florida 33157
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 50

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

Grant funds will be used to support Hope Through Harmony for 50 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 #: 28 - 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 over 500 students ages 5-21 at five sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens and Perrine. Participants engage in ballet, tap, modern and alternate dance genres. Literacy and math will also be provided at the four satellite locations. Students will achieve mastery of dance skills and learn discipline, consistency, focus and the delay of gratification. Math and reading scores will improve!
