

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 15, 2016

**To:** Members  
Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring  
Director

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**Subject:** FY 2016-2017 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

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The FY 2016-2017 award recommendations for the Capital Development 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 eleven (11) grants for the FY 2016-2017 Capital Development Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2016-17 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Alejandro J. Aguirre, met on Friday, June 10, 2016. A total of eleven (11) organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$274,651 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all eleven (11) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Facilities improvements projects are evaluated on their capacities to improve the artistic capabilities of and/or the audience's ability to experience programs in applicant facilities, among other criteria. Priority consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

As part of the Capital Development Grants Program's annual review procedures, panelists are assigned site visits to applicant facilities, in addition to being responsible for evaluating each applicant based on the following competitive criteria: 1) Project Proposal; 2) Management and Administrative Capacity of the Applicant Organization; 3) Improved Facility Capabilities; 4) Appropriateness of Grant Request; 5) Merit of Organization's Facility Programming and Marketing Plan.

Funding for the Capital Development 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 availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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FY 2016-2017 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

<b>Grant No.</b>	<b>Applicant Organization</b>	<b>Average Panel Score</b>	<b>CAP Project Title</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
1	Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	89.00	<i>Capital Project Miracle Theatre FY16-17</i>	Grant funds will be used to support Lighting, Sound and Projection Equipment and an updated fire safety system, including: a) 4 short-throw projectors for Mainstage & Balcony theatres; b) 1 PA system for the Mainstage; c) 12 LED energy efficient lighting fixtures; d) 1 high quality film screen for the Balcony Theatre; e) an essential fire alarm board for the facility; and f) a portable sound system with mixer, speakers and 8 microphones.
2	Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. (WDNA 88.9 FM)	90.29	<i>Sound and acoustical equipment for the WDNA Jazz Gallery concert and painting of common areas, studios and offices</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the enhanced sound quality of concerts and events in the WDNA Jazz Gallery with the purchase of microphones, monitors, audio storage, and acoustical treatment to present from a solo piano up to a 25-piece big band to an in-house, radio and online audience. Grant funds will support the painting of its tired common areas, studios, offices, and restrooms so people can enjoy WDNA's concerts in a beautiful and hospitable environment.
3	City of Miami Department of Real Estate Asset Management for Manuel Artime Theater	89.71	<i>Manuel Artime Theater Equipment Project</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of assistive listening system equipment and replacement of a poorly functioning projector and sound board for the Manuel Artime Theater at 900 S.W. 1ST Street, Miami, Florida 33130. This new equipment will allow the theater to enhance services while continuing to provide affordable rental rates to artistic and other organizations that present enriching cultural and a myriad of other events for all to enjoy.
4	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	91.14	<i>Equipment Upgrades at Coral Gables Art Cinema - Assistive Listening (ADA), Sound, Screen, Lighting, and Microphone/PA Systems</i>	Grant funds will be used to support essential equipment upgrades to enhance audience experience of film and live presentations at the Cinema. This technology upgrade follows on the successful deployment of a state-of-the-art digital 4K movie projector (purchase aided with 2015-16 Capital Development funding). Companion equipment will include upgrading capabilities of the assertive listening systems (ADA), film sound systems, screen replacement, and live event microphone/PA and lighting.
5	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc. for Bass Museum of Art	90.43	<i>Bass Museum of Art Internal Expansion Project: Lighting Fixture Upgrade</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of state of the art lighting fixtures to be installed at the Bass Museum of Art. These fixtures are necessary to support the programmatic growth of the museum upon its reopening after a one year renovation, and will increase the Bass' capacity to provide superior lighting that highlights its renowned contemporary art exhibitions.

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6	Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc. (PAMM)	88.00	<i>ADA Accessibility Improvements through East Beach Paving Project</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the replacement of the existing gravel surface of the East Beach at PAMM with concrete paving. This approximately 8,500 sq ft exterior space adjoins Biscayne Bay at the foot of PAMM's Bayside Stair, connecting PAMM's highly trafficked East Portico with the waterfront baywalk, PAMM sculpture garden, and Museum Park. This project will improve accessibility for all patrons, and convert the Beach into a programming and event rental space.
7	Miami Dade College - Koubek Center	88.17	<i>Renovation of Koubek Center's ArtSpace to include flexible performance capacity</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the renovation of the existing 1176 sq. ft. ArtSpace into a flexible performance and event venue. The improved space will include a sprung floor, dance rails and mirrors. This project is a high priority for the Koubek Center as a multidisciplinary center for Ibero-American cultural exploration in the heart of Miami.
8	South Florida Art Center, Inc. d/b/a ArtCenter/ South Florida	86.14	<i>Restoration of the deteriorating facade of ArtCenter/South Florida's historic building</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the restoration of the deteriorating facade of ArtCenter/ South Florida's historic building located in 924 Lincoln Road. The deterioration of the facade represents a safety issue for the visitors of the ArtCenter and the Lincoln Road mall passersby. This is as much of a safety hazard as it is an aesthetic issue since Lincoln Road is one of the most visited places in Miami.
9	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	90.00	<i>Equipment for the Alper JCC Russell Theater</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of a state-of-the-art projector to enable movie theater quality films in a format not previously usable; 2 JBL 515 Series Eons monitors for wings on each side of the stage; LED moving wash light fixtures for additional front lighting; New Cyc lights and new signage to direct disabled visitors to various services, such as enhanced hearing devices and wheelchair accessible aids. These changes will enhance our audience's cultural arts experience.
10	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	91.00	<i>Early Childhood/Sensory Program Area Renovation</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the remodeling of program space to be more conducive to children of all abilities. Enhancements include moving and widening the entrance to improve accessibility; and installing sound-absorbing flooring, mood lighting with controls, an integrated sound system and wall finishes. The result will be a dedicated early learning area with enhanced, flexible, multi-sensory elements to enable children of all abilities to engage in the arts and creative exploration.
11	Village of Pinecrest	91.43	<i>Addition of an ADA-Compliant Lift connecting Eastern end of The Meadow (lower) and Lakeview Terrace (higher) at Pinecrest Gardens</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the construction of an ADA-compliant path and install a lift to allow all patrons to access arts activities and events that occur near the back areas of Pinecrest Gardens. This essential project was identified during a 2010 Accessibility Study and is the final significant issues to be addressed, Gardens-wide. Once completed, the lift and it's path will allow each of the over 160,000 annual visitors to fully access the Lakeview Terrace and it's adjacent areas.