

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 17, 2015

**To:** Members  
Cultural Affairs Council

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**From:** Michael Spring  
Director

**Subject:** FY 2015-2016 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

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The FY 2015-2016 award recommendations for the Capital Development 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 twelve (12) grants for the FY 2015-2016 Capital Development Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2015-16 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Deborah J. Margol, met on Friday, June 5, 2015. A total of twelve (12) organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$273,251 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all twelve (12) 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 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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.	85.57	<i>Equipment and Theater Curtain System for The Miracle Theatre at Actors' Playhouse</i>	Grant Funds will be used to install wrap around tracked curtains in the Mainstage to shrink the space from 600 to 400 seats. Funds will also be used for a Control Keyboard, dedicated computers, tablets, and speakers, wireless receivers, transmitters, antenna, A-net card and power supply, and microphones to complement our new Yamaha digital console. Also seeking funds for LED par fixtures, Edison cable and DMX cable as part of Stage Two in replacing the E.T.C. color scrollers.
2	Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.	88.00	<i>Phase II: Equipment Upgrades for Shared Workshop Spaces and Addition of Metals Foundry at Bakehouse Art Complex</i>	Grant funds will be used to support Phase II of equipment upgrades in four shared workshops, including clay/kiln room, darkroom, woodworking and metal work/forge. Additionally, the project will allow the BAC to add a metals foundry for artists who work in various casting mediums include bronze, stainless steel, and aluminum. This will be the only foundry open to the public in Miami-Dade County, and one of only a handful of foundry facilities in South Florida.
3	City of North Miami Beach	85.71	<i>Theater Stage Lighting Equipment for the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the updating and replacement of some stage lighting fixtures that are either outdated or beyond repair. Doing so will enhance the visual qualities of the productions hosted in the Littman Theater for all of its artists and patrons.
4	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	88.43	<i>New Digital 4K Projector for Coral Gables Cinemateque</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of a state-of-the-art, ultra-bright, enhanced 4K cinema projector for use at the Coral Gables Art Cinema. The upgrade will replace the current projector in use (2K) and will allow the Cinema to project the highest quality possible while ensuring that the organization has updated equipment that is able to accommodate current releases that utilize 4K digital format.
5	Curtiss Mansion, Inc.	86.29	<i>Curtiss Mansion Sound and Lighting Equipment and ADA Enhancement</i>	Grant funds will be used to support sound and lighting equipment, as well as audience seating, for the Curtiss Mansion's lecture series, cultural presentations, and educational events and to improve accessibility by installing custom made ADA compliant automatic doors at the Mansion's entrance.
6	Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of The Wolfsonian	88.00	<i>Enhanced Audio-Visual Equipment for Public Programs at The Wolfsonian – FIU</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the update of audio-visual systems in the auditorium, lobby, and museum shop/café. Located on the first floor of The Wolfsonian–FIU, these three public spaces are the primary sites for presentations of the museum's educational and public programming.

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7	Miami Light Project, Inc.	89.29	<i>Equipment Purchases for Miami Light Project's Black Box Theater</i>	Grant funds will be used to support equipment purchases for black box theater and for program accessibility at The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse. Equipment includes: assistive listening system and signage; lighting, audio and video upgrades; and hardware and software for theater and equipment operation.
8	New World Symphony, Inc.	89.33	<i>New Recording System at New World Symphony's New World Center</i>	Grant funds will be used to support New World Symphony's acquisition of a new recording system, thereby enhancing the concert-going experience of its patrons at New World Center. Concerts at which audience members will benefit from the acquisition include WALLCAST™ Concerts and PULSE Concerts. Visitors to MUSAIC, NWS' online video library, will also notice a marked improvement in the audio quality of the video recordings.
9	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	87.14	<i>Equipment for the Children's Museum and Main Theater at The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center</i>	Grant funds will be used to support installation of a ADA accessible door system to the JCC's Children's Museum; replace old tables and chairs for the museum workshop; replace rusted self-standing grids for exhibit spaces; replace damaged cyclorama and rear setting black theater curtains in the theater; and add robotic stage lights and speakers for the theater.
10	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	90.00	<i>Miami Children's Museum Sensory Friendly sound attenuation improvements</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase and installation of sound attenuation materials within the main hall of the Miami Children's Museum to buffer/decrease the sound levels and transmission and thereby increase accessibility to children with special needs who have sensitivities to loud spaces.
11	The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.	90.14	<i>Accessibility Modifications / Dance Floor Replacement at Thomas Armour Youth Ballet</i>	Grant funds will be used to support improvements in accessibility and for the repair of Thomas Armour's aging wood dance floor and the replacement of all vinyl (Marley) dance floor in the "mature" main site building in South Miami.
12	Village of Pinecrest	86.57	<i>Equipment Upgrades for Banyan Bowl Theater at Pinecrest Gardens</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of technological equipment to allow technical staff, performing arts groups, and artists to increase the quality of performance in the Banyan Bowl. Upgrades will include: 1-Additional isle lights for Banyan Bowl; 2- Digital Audio Mixing Console and Headset Communication for Banyan Bowl; and 3-A/C – dehumidification for Banyan Bowl Mezzanine.