


**Date:** July 16, 2014  
**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council  
**From:** Michael Spring   
**Subject:** FY 2014-2015 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program Recommendations

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The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 32 grants for the FY 2014-2015 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2014-2015 DAN Program Panel convened on July 10, 2014 to review 32 applications requesting \$475,000. The Panel recommended funding all 32 applications.

The DAN Program is designed to help arts groups develop management skills and establish short and long-range organizational goals by providing funding and technical assistance support to small and emerging grassroots and neighborhood-based arts groups. These groups must present year-round activities and have an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000, based on the last completed fiscal year's operations. The program encourages applications from groups whose activities: 1) build audiences and sustained community or neighborhood support for the arts; 2) encourage people to include arts in their everyday lives; 3) are deeply rooted in the cultural life of a neighborhood or community; 4) preserve the indigenous heritage, traditions, and/or rituals of a particular culture or ethnic group; and/or 5) enhance community development and/or revitalization efforts. In addition to receiving funding support, grantees participate in the program's accompanying marketing workshop series.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability; 3) organizational development; 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served; and 5) the organization's financial stability and capacity to attract financial support from other private and public sources as evidenced in matching requirements and in-kind. The organizations and projects recommended for funding reflect Miami-Dade County's ethnic, cultural, artistic and community diversity.

Funding for the DAN Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2014-2015 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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**1. Academia de las Luminarias de las Bellas Artes, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support A.L.B.A.'s 26<sup>th</sup> performing arts season, which includes the company's first ever performance at the historic Lyric Theater in Overtown, showcasing Afro-Cuban music; the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the *Lequona International Music Festival* at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium; and two English-language performances at the Arts Development Center in Little Havana, which will highlight the music of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and songs featured in classic silent films starring Charlie Chaplin.

**2. Alhambra Music, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of free or nominal-cost public concerts, including a Halloween extravaganza, four major symphonic concerts, a holiday Pops Concert, a chamber orchestra concert, participation in the annual *Messiah Sing-In*, an opera presentation, a concerto competition for young artists, a chamber music workshop, an in-school concert and other educational outreach activities. Programs will be held at Ransom Everglades in Coconut Grove, the Olympia Theatre at Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Miami, the Coral Gables Congregational Church and other locations throughout Miami-Dade County.

**3. Arca Images, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of theatre by Arca Images, Inc. The company will present two productions at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium featuring the work of the company's Resident Playwright Nilo Cruz, as well as a new adaptation of a classical work directed by Larry Villanueva at The Commodore Plaza / Academy of Arts and Minds in Coconut Grove. In addition to the main stage performances, Arca Images will offer five professionally-led acting workshops for local artists at the The Commodore Plaza / Academy of Arts and Minds.

**4. CACEC, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of events by CACEC, an organization which seeks to empower the South Dade and West Kendall community with arts, education and cultural expression. The performances will incorporate creative movement, music, dance, poetry and drama. Events will take place at the Miriam Dean Pratt Community Center, the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center and the performance hall at Christ the King Catholic Church. CACEC was founded to develop high quality arts programs, projects and events for the residents and visitors of southwest Miami-Dade County.

**5. Civic Chorale of Greater Miami**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami. The chorale, in partnership with Miami Dade College's Community Chorus, will produce six concerts and four open summer rehearsal program of diverse choral literature at venues throughout Central and South Miami-Dade. The chorale will continue the tradition of presenting the annual *Messiah Sing-In*, now in its 45th year, at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church.

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**6. Community Arts And Culture, Inc.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 series of community-based festivals and special events presented by Community Arts and Culture (CAC). Festivals include the 17th annual *Afro Roots World Music Festival* and the *Day at the Beach Series*. In addition, CAC will continue to present community-wide projects that feature world music and art, educational workshops and performances. Events will take place in venues located in Little Haiti and North Beach.

**7. Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 *Arts in the Street* program. The program offers a series of free, outdoor concert/festivals held in Sweetwater and feature visual art exhibits, music, arts and crafts, ethnic foods and dance presentations that celebrate the Hispanic heritage of the Sweetwater community. Community Performing Arts Association seeks to create and organize programs and events that foster an appreciation of the performing and visual arts that are reflective of Miami-Dade County's cultural diversity.

**8. Community Theatre of Miami Lakes, Inc., d/b/a Main Street Players**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season, which takes place from December 2014 through September 2015. During the season, the Main Street Players will produce and present four live theatrical plays, dramas, comedies and musicals, which have been carefully determined by the script committee under the guidance of our Artistic Director. All performances take place at the Main Street Playhouse, located in downtown Miami Lakes.

**9. Deco Echo Artists Delegation d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 creative writing/drawing workshop series and traveling mural exhibition presented by the Center for Folk and Community Art. The project will feature a multi-paneled tapestry crafted with stories and artwork created at various workshops at schools and community centers throughout Miami-Dade County. Program participants will express their personal experiences regarding a specific issue and create a tapestry of panels, which will then be displayed at local district venues.

**10. Delou Africa, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of community-based programming. Activities include the annual African Diaspora Dance and Drum Festival of Florida, the Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration, guest artist workshops, community drum and dance classes, the *Drumz Over Gunz Campaign*, and educational programs such as *Rhythms and Movements of Africa and Rhythmic Journeys through Africa*. Programs will primarily take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Arts Center.

**11. Fire Haus Projects, Inc., f/a for The Unconservatory**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

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Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of concert performances and educational activities produced by The Unconservatory. Main stage concerts presented as part of the annual *Gala for Two Pianos*, will take place at the Miami Conservatory of Music in Coconut Grove. Educational events and programs will take place at various public and private schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Performances will feature acoustic ensembles, professional and student performers, as well as solo and duo piano performances.

**12. Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of events presented by the Friends of the Japanese Garden at the Ichimura-Miami Japanese Garden, located on Watson Island in Miami. The Friends of the Japanese Garden will present a series of events that showcase the garden and promote the Japanese culture through traditional rituals and festivals for residents and tourists of South Florida. All events are free and open to the public.

**13. Ground Up And Rising, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of Ground Up and Rising, a theater company dedicated to proving dramatic presentations that speak to a younger generation of theater patron. This season, the company will present a series of low cost and free dramatic productions at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and Artistic Vibes in Kendall. The company will also continue its arts and education initiatives with its collaborative partners, including GableStage and Miami Dade College.

**14. Homestead Community Concert Association, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of the Homestead Community Concert Association (HCC). This season, the HCC will present five professional music performances to be held at the South Dade High School Auditorium between December 2014 and March 2015. These concerts, now in their 37th annual season, provide high quality, touring soloists and music ensembles at an affordable price and convenient location to residents of far South Miami-Dade as well as visitors from the Upper Florida Keys.

**15. Mad Cat Theatre Company, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of Mad Cat Theatre. Founded in 2000, the Mad Cat Theatre Company seeks to produce and present a series of theatre productions that provoke thought, discussions, and enlighten its audience about diversity through what is presented to audiences onstage and challenges them to reflect on their own lives. Mad Cat Theatre will present their season at The SandBox at Miami Theater Center in Miami Shores, with additional performances anticipated to take place at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and the South Beach Comedy Festival in Miami Beach.

**16. Marti Productions, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of performances presented by Marti Productions. Founded in 2007, Marti Productions seeks to promote and support talented artists of all ages, races and nationalities across various artistic disciplines such as performing arts, visual arts, literary and creative arts. This year, Marti Productions will present four events featuring traditional Spanish music, Broadway favorites, folkloric dance and dramatic arts. Events are scheduled to take place at the Manuel Arttime

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Theater, the Koubek Center at Miami-Dade College and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center at Florida International University.

**17. Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc. f/a for Pioneer Winter Collective**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of programs and performances presented by the Pioneer Winter Collective (PWC). PWC will present Project LEAP, a performing program for teens to promote art as a vehicle of social change and self-expression; *Miami Screendance*, an initiative that creates dance for camera and transmedia works that highlight South Florida locations of historical and social significance, as well as a series of general contemporary dance performances that will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including site-specific works as part of a new initiative, *Grass Stains*. Performances are planned at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including the RIFT Blackbox Theater, Inkub8 and O Cinema in the Wynwood Arts District, the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and the Deering Estate in Cutler Bay.

**18. Miami Piano Circle, Inc.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of performances presented by the Miami Piano Circle. MPC presents a series of traditional and contemporary piano and chamber ensembles at traditional and non-traditional venues throughout Miami-Dade County. This year, MPC will offer a solo piano recital by Srjan Cladarovic at the Gato Gallery in Wynwood; a program of works by Franz Listz by local pianist Dionisio Camacho; the Tuneful Tales Holiday Program on Miami Beach; and *American Grands*, featuring marches by John Phillip Sousa, Scott Joplin and more, to be performed and arranged for 10 pianos at the New World Center.

**19. Miami Watercolor Society, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season, featuring a series of exhibitions and public workshops conducted by nationally recognized water media artists. Water media artists will demonstrate their work at the organization's monthly meetings and serve as jurors on the organization's selection committee for exhibitions. In addition, the Miami Watercolor Society provides student exhibitions, senior citizens' activities and produce publications about the art form.

**20. Mz. Goose, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of activities at the organization's home base, the historic Bethel House located in Perrine. Activities include exhibitions, coordination of the traveling exhibit of the *Perrine Pioneers* and community-wide activities that celebrate and encourage historic preservation, environmental education and community development. In addition, the organization will present *The Holiday Merriment* program, a free series of crafts workshops for underprivileged youth; the annual *Earth Day Celebration*; a *Bahamian Independence Day Celebration*, and other outreach events with collaborative partners and neighborhood organizations.

**21. North Miami Community Concert Band, Inc.**

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Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of community concerts, featuring light classics, marches, overtures, show tunes and music from the "Big Band" era. Performances are scheduled to take place at a number of neighborhood venues, including the Gwen Margolis Community Center, senior centers and nursing homes. The orchestra will also collaborate with the City of North Miami and participate in the annual Fourth of July Concert.

**22. Red Chemistry, Inc.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of Red Chemistry, which seeks to promote the art of filmmaking by providing a forum for foreign filmmakers so they may present their films at independently produced Florida film festivals. This year, Red Chemistry will present its signature program, *The European Film Festival* (previously known as *Romance in a Can*) at various film venues including the Miami Beach Cinemateque, O Cinema and the Coral Gables Art Cinema. In addition, Red Chemistry will continue to present its education and outreach programs such as the Short Film Competition, the Reel Culture/Reel Literacy programs and films programs for seniors at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

**23. Siempre Flamenco, Inc.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of Siempre Flamenco. The company will present the 10th annual *Festival of Flamenco Song*; a premiere performance of new flamenco work at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center cabaret series; and a performance of Flamenco Sephardit 2 at Temple Emanu-El on Miami Beach. A series of educational and outreach programs are also planned to complement the performance season.

**24. South Beach Chamber Ensemble, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of *Music in Beautiful Spaces*, an annual chamber music series produced by the South Beach Chamber Ensemble. The ensemble promotes and performs chamber music in all its diverse forms, from its origins in the distant past to the varied cultural creations produced today. Performances will take place at various venues, including the Coral Gables Museum, the Miami Beach Botanical Garden and the 1100 Block Outdoor Stage on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.

**25. South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of activities presented by the South Florida Bluegrass Association (SFBA), the only association in Miami-Dade County dedicated to the teaching and preservation of bluegrass music. The SFBA will present their annual *Everglades Bluegrass Festival* as well as a series of monthly one-day mini festivals at Greynolds Park in North Miami. All programs will feature local and nationally known bluegrass musicians.

**26. South Florida Composers' Alliance, Inc., f/a for Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of the Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc. (FETA). Founded in 2007, FETA seeks to cultivate composition, performance, production and research of emerging electronic music, art and multimedia forms in South Florida. Performances and

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presentations will primarily take place at the Harold Golen Gallery and Bakehouse Art Complex, as well as other galleries located throughout Miami's Wynwood Art District.

**27. South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of programs and performances by the South Florida Friends of Classical Music. Programs include the Miami International Music Academy, the Miami World Music Festival, and the Miami Chamber Players. Performances will take place at various venues throughout Miami-Dade County, including but not limited to, the Miami Lakes Congregational Church, the Florida International University Wertheim Theater, and the Miami Dade College Lehman Theater in North Miami.

**28. Teatro en Miami Corp.**

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***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of Teatro en Miami. The company will present three new productions, acting and theatre workshops, and further develop the annual TEMFest (Teatro en Miami Festival). Performances and workshops will take place primarily in Little Havana at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Havanafama Teatro Estudio, and Centro Cultural Español in downtown Miami. In addition, the company will continue to maintain their information-oriented websites [www.teatroenmiami.com](http://www.teatroenmiami.com) / [www.teatroenmiami.org](http://www.teatroenmiami.org).

**29. The Arts at St. Johns, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of The Arts at St. Johns. The organization, in its 16th season, will continue to provide season of multidisciplinary programs while supporting local and emerging artists, building community through the arts, and using the arts as a tool to address social issues. Events are scheduled to occur at the grounds of St. Johns Church in mid-Miami Beach and other surrounding venues.

**30. The Cove/Rincon Corp.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of events which includes monthly presentations by local, national and international artists at Florida International University - South Campus. Additionally, funds will support Cove/Rincón's education and outreach programs as well as the publication of the organization's monthly magazine. The organization is dedicated to fostering collaborations among artists by providing them with a forum to showcase and create their work.

**31. The Miami Classical Guitar Society, Inc.**

*FY 2014-2015 Season*

***Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula***

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 International Guitar Masters and Laureates Series, which is expected to take place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami and Saint Phillip's Episcopal Church in Coral Gables. The series will showcase the talents of a number of renowned national and international classical guitarists representing Spain, Russia, Serbia and the United States. Additionally, the organization will present two first-prize winners of international guitar competitions of the Guitar Foundation of America and Coria, Spain. Master classes and lectures will also be presented as part of the season.

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32. **The Miami Foundation, Inc., f/a for Bas Fisher Invitational**

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*Award to be calculated based upon DAN funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the 2014-2015 season of programs presented by the Bas Fisher Invitational. Founded in 2004, this artist operated alternative art space provides artists exhibition space for free expression, creativity, experimentation and thinking. This year, the Bas Fisher Invitational will present a series of exhibitions, lectures, performances, and events by a diverse range of local and national artists. The majority of events offered are free and open to the public.