

Date: July 16, 2014

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2014-2015 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 33 grants for a total of \$450,000 from the FY 2014-2015 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2014-2015 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Councilor Alejandro Aguirre, convened on Monday, July 14, 2014 to review 46 applications requesting a total of \$673,480. The Panel recommended funding 33 applications for a total of \$450,000. Thirteen (13) applications scored below the threshold established by the Panel and were not recommended for funding.

YEP was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust. The objective of the YEP Grants Program is to enrich the lives of children through the arts by making the arts available to more children and families throughout Miami-Dade County, whereby children will have opportunities to have positive live arts experiences through:

- Arts Instruction
- Arts Intervention
- Healing/Expressive Arts
- In-school Performances
- Public Performances/Exhibitions

Applicants to this program must have a minimum two-year track record of providing high quality, cultural arts programs for children and/or youth. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

YEP is structured into two funding categories:

CATEGORY A: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts, such as sequential arts instruction, after-school arts programs, in-school arts residency programs, etc. These projects must be able to measure the impact of repeated participation in these programs on the students over the project period. **Applicants in Category A may request up to \$25,000.**

CATEGORY B: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for arts enrichment experiences for children and youth. **Applicants in Category B may request up to \$10,000.**

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact, 2) artistic merit, 3) management and financial capability, and 4) reach, giving priority attention to: projects that address children whose ability to participate in such programs may be limited by geography, economics or disability; and projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

Funding for YEP is derived from funding granted to the Department from The Children's Trust (\$450,000). 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.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2014-2015 Grant Award Recommendations**

- 1 - **Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,838**
The Miracle Theatre
280 Miracle Mile
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 4,000

All Kids Considered Year 2

Grant funds will be used to support 10 sensory friendly professional children's musical theatre productions including public performances and school field trip shows for up to 4,000 youth with disabilities, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the Miracle Theatre in Coral Gables. Project activities will include being culturally enriched in a customized environment for children with autism and other sensory processing disorders providing modifications in lighting and sound, a quiet room with remote closed circuit viewing, and a pre-show guide.

- 2 - **Alhambra Music, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,644**
201 Alhambra Circle
Suite 1050
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 900

Community Orchestra Youth Outreach

Grant funds will be used to support Alhambra's Community Orchestra's Youth Outreach program for 900 underserved children and music students including: in-school visits by musicians and the full orchestra, scholarships for gifted students to receive coaching, a just-for-kids opera performance, and a concerto competition for young musicians with the winners performing for their peers.

- 3 - **Area Performance Gallery Inc. DBA Area Stage Company** **Recommended Award: \$23,474**
1560 South Dixie Highway
Suite 103
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 120

Theatre for Young Minds

Grant funds will be used to support Theatre for the Young Mind for 120 students ages 6 -18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the Area Stage Company and at Our Pride Academy, a School for individuals with developmental disabilities. Project activities include attending performances, classroom training and unified performing activities in front of audiences. Participants will rehearse a musical play, which will enhance their critical thinking and public performance skills in a safe and disciplined environment.

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- 4 - **Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc** **Recommended Award: \$9,925**
15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,160

Arts Ballet goes to School 2014-2015

Grant funds will be used to support Arts Ballet Goes to School for 3,160 students ages PreK-12th grade at 11 public schools and the Arts Ballet studio. Project activities will include music and dance demonstrations. Participants will engage in ballet experiences and benefit from increased knowledge of and interest in both types of artistic expression.

- 5 - **Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,687**
561 NW 32 Street
Miami, Florida 33127
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 300

Bakehouse Art Complex In-School Artist Residency Program

Grant funds will be used to support Bakehouse Art Complex's In-School Artist Residency Program for over 300 students ages 8-15, during the 2014-2015 school year at five public elementary schools in Miami's Wynwood, Overtown, Little Havana neighborhoods. Project activities will include visual arts instruction in various media taught by BAC resident artists. Participants will engage in visual arts creation and benefit from direct exposure to career artists.

- 6 - **City Theatre, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$8,000**
444 Brickell Avenue
Suite 229
Miami, Florida 33131
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 15,000

City Theatre Educational Outreach Programming: Shorts 4 Kids

Grant funds will be used to support the City Theatre Educational Outreach Programming for 15,000 middle school aged students, from October 2014 - May 2015 at various locations including public and private schools and select community venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include theatre programming and participants will engage in theatre cultural enrichment and benefit from many life skill themes.

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- 7 - **Coral Gables Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ), Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$25,000**
3010 De Soto Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 110

Creative Opus

Grant funds will be used to support "Creative Opus" for 110 students from throughout Miami-Dade County, ages 5-18, from October 1, 2014 - May 23, 2015 at Coral Gables Congregational Church and Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove. Twice weekly, activities will include musical instrument lessons, music theory classes, and performance ensembles that develop creative ability. Beyond theoretical and practical learning, the project will build improvisational skills that instill greater imagination and self-expression.

- 8 - **Deco Echo Artists Delegation
d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art** **Recommended Award: \$9,392**
1800 Michigan Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 175

"I Didn't Mean To Hurt You" - Abuse or Violence in Teenage Dating Relationships

Grant funds will be used to support a writing and art-making project to address abuse and violence in teen dating relationships. Approximately 175 middle and high school students will participate in workshops and seminars, including writing, drawing and dialogues. Interactive seminars include reading stories, interpreting art and discussing issues. Participants learn to use art and journaling for insight and improved communication skills.

- 9 - **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$10,000**
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33156
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,200

The Art of Science at Fairchild

Grant funds will be used to support The Art of Science at Fairchild program for 1,200 students ages 5-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables. Project activities will include student visual art workshops, art show and performance showcase. Participants will engage in both visual and performing arts and benefit from small group instruction, art training and public presentation opportunities.

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- 10 - **Florida Grand Opera, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,816**
8390 Northwest 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33122
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 300

Opera Lab

Grant funds will be used to support Opera Lab for 300 students ages 15-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the Hialeah and Westland Hialeah High Schools. Project activities will include in-class workshops featuring all aspects of opera production including lighting, costume, set and prop design, the science of singing and the history of opera. Participants will engage in opera and benefit from activities addressing common core curriculum, literacy, career development and exploration.

- 11 - **Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,961**
2100 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,000

IDEA@thebass Diversity Enhancement Partnerships

Grant funds will be used to support IDEA@thebass Diversity Enhancement Partnerships for 3,000 students ages 3-17, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the Bass Museum of Art, in schools and community partner locations in Miami Beach, Little Haiti and Overtown. Project activities, including graphic design, photography, painting and 3-D models will encourage the development of 21st Century skills, including creative problem solving and teamwork.

- 12 - **Friendship Circle of Miami inc** **Recommended Award: \$9,536**
8700 SW 112 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 70

Friendship Circle Expressive Arts Program

Grant funds will support Friendship Circle's Expressive Arts Program for 70 students ages 4-22 (35 with special needs and 35 teen volunteers) from October 2014 - May 2015 at Friendship Circle located in Kendall. Activities include: small group guitar, dance instruction, music therapy and art. Children will benefit from increased arts exposure, communication, attention span and meaningful interpersonal and emotional responses.

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- 13 - **Gablestage, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$10,000**
1200 Anastasia Avenue
Suite 230
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,500

GableStage's 2014-2015 Educational Programming

Grant funds will be used to support GableStage's 2014-2015 Educational Programming for 3,500 students ages 13-20, in March 2015 at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium in Liberty City. Project activities will include a production of CHOIR BOY by Tarell Alvin McCraney followed by an audience talkback. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit by analyzing the story in class and seeing the issues presented unfold onstage.

- 14 - **Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$25,000**
1439 Miller Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 55

Guitars Over Guns

Grant funds will be used to support Guitars Over Guns for 55 students, ages 11-14, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the North Miami Middle School and Allapattah Middle School. Project activities will include music education, performance, recording, and mentoring activities. Participants will engage in learning guitar, singing, rap, keyboards, drums, and trumpet, and will benefit from mentoring, music education, music production, performance, recording, and collaborating in groups.

- 15 - **Historical Association of Southern Florida, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,755**
101 W. Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33130
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 540

Historic Site Visit Program

Grant funds will be used to support HistoryMiami Historic Site Visit Program for 540 students ages 9-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at HistoryMiami, in downtown Miami, and historic sites around Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include photography, video documentary, art and writing. Participants will engage in art-making and documentary activities, learn about history and historic preservation, and benefit from critical thinking skills and collaborative learning.

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- 16 - **Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$25,000**
1103 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33132
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 80

PAMM After-School Studio Program

Grant funds will be used to support the Museum's new after-school program for 80 underserved Overtown students ages 8-10, from October 2014 - May 2015 at PAMM in downtown Miami. Project activities will include painting, drawing, sculpture using found objects and clay, textiles, and photography. Participants will engage in a variety of projects across artistic media and benefit from improved social skills.

- 17 - **Karen Peterson and Dancers Inc** **Recommended Award: \$25,000**
11760 Southwest 72 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33156
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200

The 9th Talent Showcase

Grant funds will be used to support "The 9th Talent Showcase" for 150-200 students with special needs ages 13-22, from October 1, 2014 - March 15, 2015, at sixteen Miami Dade Schools throughout greater Miami-Dade County. The one hour per week, twenty-week dance program, will culminate with a final performance at Hialeah Senior High School. Participants will gain social, physical, emotional and learning skills through the discipline of dance training and preparation for final performance.

- 18 - **Locust Projects, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,492**
3852 North Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33127
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 300

Little LAB (Locust Art Builders)

Grant funds will be used to support Little Locust Art Builders (LAB) for approximately 300 students ages 3-13, from October 2014 - May 2015 at Locust Projects' gallery space in Miami and during in-school outreach sessions. Project activities will include free hands-on art activities for children and their families. Participants will engage in artwork creation and interpretation inspired by contemporary exhibitions on view at Locust Projects and benefit from leadership and art production skills.

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- 19 - **Miami Light Project, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$10,000**
P.O. Box 1048
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 750

Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program

Grant funds will be used to support the Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program for 750 students ages 12-18, from October 2014 - May 2015, at Young Men's Preparatory Academy and at The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse in Miami. Project activities will include lecture demonstration, workshops, open rehearsals, backstage experience and virtual master classes. Participants will engage in dance, music, theater and creative writing, and benefit from direct interaction with artists.

- 20 - **Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$8,887**
247 SW 8 Street, Suite # 393
Miami, Florida 33130
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,000

Tomorrow's Filmmakers Today - MsFF Outreach Program

Grant funds will be used to support Tomorrow's Filmmakers Today - MsFF Outreach Program for 3,000 students ages 14-17, from October 2014 - May 2015 at various public schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include experiencing short films and discussions about screenwriting, producing, cinematography, acting, editing, and documentary filmmaking. Participants will engage in improving arts proficiency and benefit from increased positive peer relationships.

- 21 - **Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,666**
18900 NE 25 Avenue
North Miami Beach, Florida 33180
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,600

Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series

Grant funds will be used to support the Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series for 3,600 students, ages 4 -12, from October 2014 - May 2015, at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include four professional theatre productions & Q & A sessions, with advanced classroom preparation using a study guide and reading of the book/story on which each show is based. Students will experience the excitement of live, values-based theatre.

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- 22 - **National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,507**
2100 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,000

YoungArts Miami

Grant funds will be used to support YoungArts Miami for 3,000 - 4,000 students ages 6-17, from October 2014 - May 2015 at the YoungArts campus, Gusman Center and other Miami venues, as well as up to 15 schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities include master classes, performances and exhibitions where students will engage in dance, voice, visual art, writing, jazz and more. Students will also be exposed to the arts through live-performance field trips and in-school presentations.

- 23 - **New World Symphony, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$23,474**
New World Center
500 17 Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 140

New World Symphony's MusicLab

Grant funds will be used to support New World Symphony's MusicLab for 140 music students, ages 9-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Miami Beach Senior High, Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center and Miami Northwestern Senior High School. Activities will include free lessons for students; they will learn music techniques, performance skills, and a repertoire of classical music.

- 24 - **Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,421**
9221 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 2,500

St. Martha Music and Arts in the Schools

Grant funds will be used to support St. Martha's Music and Arts in the Schools for over 2,500 students ages 6-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at Miami Beach Senior High School and Natural Bridge Elementary. Project activities will include concerts, master classes and art exhibitions. Participants will engage in music, master classes, and the graphic arts, attend concerts, and benefit from presenting their music and art to the public.

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- 25 - **South Florida Art Center, Inc. d/b/a ArtCenter/ South Florida** **Recommended Award: \$9,774**
924 Lincoln Road
Suite 205
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200

Creative Care

Grant funds will be used for the the Creative Care Program for 200 children ages 4-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at Miami Children's Hospital's Michael Fux Family Center. Project activities will include musical performances, hands-on art activities, marionette performances and interactive storytelling. Participants will engage in art making, music and reading while benefiting from learning how to use new tools, materials and techniques for self expression.

- 26 - **The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$23,474**
P.O. Box 416525
Miami Beach, Florida 33141
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 160

Dance NOW! 2014/15 Long Term Public Schools Residencies

Grant funds will be used to support Dance NOW! Public Schools Residencies for 160 students ages 11-18, from October 2014 - May 2015 at South Miami Middle (50 students), Zelda Glaser Middle, (50 students), Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts, (60 students). Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coaching, performance opportunities and a free performance at the Little Haiti Cultural Center by The Dance Now! Miami.

- 27 - **The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,493**
11155 SW 112 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,500

Pop Art! The Andy Warhol Studio

Grant funds will be used to support Pop Art! The Andy Warhol Studio children's art exhibition for 1,500 students ages 4 - 11, from March 2 - May 25, 2015 at the Children's Discovery Museum in the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center in Kendall. Project activities will include screen printing, stamping, die cutting and role playing. Participants will engage in studio art skills and art history and benefit from critical thinking, developing art techniques, and appreciating innovation in art.

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- 28 - **The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$9,867**
980 Macarthur Causeway
Miami, Florida 33132
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 500

Sensory Saturday

Grant funds will support the Sensory Saturday program for 500 students ages 3-10 with disabilities, from October 2014 - May 2015, at Miami Children's Museum (MCM). This monthly program includes hands-on art activities such as painting, clay, collages, Japanese Fish prints and Sensory Friendly performances by MCM Players. Participants will engage with MCM's interactive educational exhibits and benefit from enhanced language development, communication, knowledge of a variety of art and motor skills.

- 29 - **The Miami Symphony Orchestra, Inc./** **Recommended Award: \$9,443**
Orquesta Sinfonica de Miami, Inc.
10689 North Kendall Drive
Ste 307
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 480

Meet MISO

Grant funds will be used to support the "Meet MISO" program for 480 students ages 7- 9, from October 2014 - May 2015 in four public schools in Miami-Dade County. Project activities will be devoted to music literacy and participants will engage in musical exercises and read a book about music. Students will benefit from practicing their reading skills; learning to listen, to concentrate, and to identify musical instruments; managing time and rhythm; and working as a team.

- 30 - **The Motivational Edge, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$23,474**
3323 NW 17 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33142
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 50

Therapeutic Arts For Foster Youth (T.A.F.F.Y.)

Grant funds will be used to support Therapeutic Arts For Foster Youth (T.A.F.F.Y.) for 50 students ages 5-18 , from October 2014 - May 2015 at various foster/group homes located throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include: The Art of Creative Writing and Lyrical Expression, Urban Arts and Dance Expression classes. Participants will engage in arts-based classes and will benefit from being offered a rare and safe outlet for them to positively express themselves, through the arts.

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31 - **The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

3550 Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 702
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 4,000

PIANO SLAM 7

Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 7 for 4,000 students ages 13-17, from April 1 - May 21, 2015 at various Miami-Dade County public schools. Project activities will include a piano concert, music and poetry workshops, teacher workshops in music, poetry and writing and a poetry writing competition. Participants will engage in music, education and poetry performance and benefit from knowledge of music, writing, and speaking skills to express and perform.

32 - **The Musical Arts Association of Miami, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

1444 Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 302
Miami, Florida 33132
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 6,000

2014-2015 Cleveland Orchestra Miami Education Programs

Grant funds will be used to support three, free Cleveland Orchestra Miami Education Concerts conducted by Principal Guest Conductor Giancarlo Guerrero for nearly 6,000 Miami-Dade County Public School students, on November 12 and 13, 2014 at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. In addition, through the Music Explorers program, musicians from The Cleveland Orchestra will present at least four age appropriate education programs from November, 2014 – March, 2015 at area elementary schools in Miami-Dade County.

33 - **Tigertail Productions, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$25,000

842 NW 9 Court
Miami, Florida 33136
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200

WordSpeak

Grant funds will be used to support WordSpeak for 200 students, ages 13-18, from November 2014 - May 2015 at various inner city public schools and community locations in Miami, Miami Beach, Homestead and Hialeah. Project activities will include writing and performances led by accomplished, local artists. Participants learn writing and speaking skills and perform their own works in public settings, work in supervised team settings and gain interactive, communication and critical thinking skills.
