


Memorandum



Date: October 15, 2014

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council ratifies the funding of 30 grants for a total of \$147,500.00 from the FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on Thursday, August 28, 2014, to review 30 applications requesting \$228,800.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 30 applicants for a total of \$147,500.00.

The projects recommended for funding represent a diversified range of activities and demographic locations. In its deliberations, the Panel carefully considered and applied the Community Grants guidelines as outlined below.

The Community Grants Program is responsive on a quarterly basis to organizations, which develop small and large-scale community-based programs, projects, events, and publications. The program is particularly sensitive to the needs of: 1) indigenous cultural neighborhood activities and projects encouraging the preservation of heritage, traditions and culture; and 2) social service organizations and cultural groups developing collaborative intervention projects.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) quality of program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2014-15 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1. COMPOSITUM MUSICAE NOVAE, INC.

Recommended Award: \$2,750.00

3100 NW 2 Street
Miami, Florida 33125
Compositum Musicae Novae Season 2
October 17, 2014 – September 18, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6*

Funds are requested to support the CMN Season 2 Concert Series at the Coral Gables Museum. The CMN Season will present four concerts, featuring works of music, visual, and dance artists, such as National Endowment for the Arts awardee, Clare Shore, former composer in residence for the Miami Symphony Orchestra, Carlos Rivera, and Massachusetts-based composer, Dean Rosenthal. The concerts are free and open to the public.

2. Cuban American Phototeque Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,407.00

4260 SW 74 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155
Miami Photo Salon
December 1 – December 30, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 7*

Funds are requested to support Miami Photo Salon, an International Photo Festival that will encourage participation of the general public in a fine art venue, providing local talent with international exposure to advance their careers. The event will be held at Temple Israel in Downtown Miami and the Cuban American Phototheque Foundation, located in the Bird Road Arts District.

3. E-COMB, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

210 2 Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Fourth Miami & the Beaches Environmental Film Festival
November 11-16, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the Fourth Edition of the Miami & the Beaches Environmental Film Festival, a five-day festival, presenting twelve environmental documentaries at Miami Beach Cinematheque, Miami Biennale, Colony Theatre and New World Symphony Wallcast. This event is open to the public.

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4. FLORIDA DANCE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, Florida 33156
Daniel Lewis Miami Dance Sampler
October 18-19, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support artists participating in two performances of the Daniel Lewis Miami Dance Sampler to be held at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. The project, featuring a wide spectrum of dance works and genres, aims to advance a culture of dance in Miami-Dade County and provide Miami-based dance artists with support through audience exposure. This event is open to the public.

5. Friends of WLRN, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

169 E. Flagler Street, Suite 1400
Miami, Florida 33131
Treblinka's Last Witness Premiere
October 21, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support Treblinka's Last Witness premiere at the Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center. Samuel Willenberg, now 92 years old, is the last living survivor of the Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Still haunted 70 years later by the horrors he witnessed as a young forced laborer, Samuel has immortalized the Treblinka story in a series of bronze sculptures of the tragic victims who dwell indelibly in his memory like ghosts. This event is open to the public.

6. Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for CUATROGATOS FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

10854 SW 88 Street, Unit 412
Miami, Florida 33176
The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura
October 6-11, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 7 & 9*

Funds are requested to support the second edition of The Reading Festival, a week dedicated to literature and reading in the context of the Hispanic Heritage Month. The Festival includes presentations by authors and storytellers in public schools, workshops, bilingual cards-poems, exhibitions and lectures for Hispanic children and adults, as well as students learning the Spanish language. Free and open events will take place at Centro Cultural Español, Coral Way K-8 Bilingual Center, International Studies Preparatory Academy and Koubek Center. These events are open to the public.

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7. GIANTS IN THE CITY, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

7648 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33138
Giants in the City
December 4-7, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support Giants in the City, a multidisciplinary monumental inflatable sculpture exhibition that will take place Miami Downtown Bayfront Park for four (4) days. The exhibition will feature a GIANT ECO MAZE, teaching kids and families about recycling through a fun maze activity with the goal of generating environmentally beneficial actions. This event is open to the public.

8. Greater South Dade/South Miami/Kendall Chamber of Commerce d/b/a Chamber South

Recommended Award: \$6,875.00

6410 SW 80 Street
South Miami, Florida 33143
43rd Annual Chamber South South Miami Art Festival
November 1-2, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the 43rd Annual South Miami Art Festival, a fine arts show produced by Chamber South featuring juried artists from across the world. This arts festival kicks off the festival season in Miami-Dade County and attracts over 50,000 people. The festival will be held in the heart of South Miami on Sunset Drive, close to the First National Bank of South Miami. The event and is free and open to the public, providing an outstanding multicultural experience in a family setting.

9. Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,125.00

3680 Thomas Avenue
Miami, Florida 33133
The Coconut Grove Black Heritage Music Series
November 15, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the Coconut Grove Black Heritage Music Series featuring the Edward Waters College Concert Choir. The concert will be held at Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Inc. through its Community Arts Program and is open to the public.

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10. Heroes Unite, Inc. a/f/a for Lab 9

Recommended Award: \$3,437.00

150 SE 3 Avenue, Ph-1
Miami, Florida 33131
Voices of the Bush: A Gameplay
October 14-November 22, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support *Voices of the Bush: A Gameplay*, an interactive theater experience produced by Lab 9. The theatre piece is centered in social satire, technology and culture and aims to contribute to the growth and relevance of theatre in South Florida. The performances are open to the public and will take place at the Miami Theater Center's Sandbox Theater.

11. Hispanic American Lyric Theatre, Inc. a/f/a for ce n'est pas nous

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

800 Washington Avenue, Apt. 110
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
4 1/2
December 6-15, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support "4 1/2," a series of free performances in low-income housing communities including Lotus House Women's Shelter and Miami Bridge Youth Services by [ce n'est pas nous]. The evening seeks to explore the world of uniformity that French architect Le Corbusier espoused through a series of interdisciplinary vignettes, further developing the concept established in last season's "The Emerald House." This event is open to the public.

12. Italian Film Festival, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

5151 Collins Avenue Suite 224
Miami Beach, Florida 33140
2014 Cinema Italy (formerly Italian Film Festival)
October 1-14, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 11th Annual Italian Film Festival to be held at the Regal Cinemas South Beach on Lincoln Road. This year's festival will include 10 of the top Italian films produced in 2013 and 2014 that have not yet been screened for South Florida audiences. The festival will also include a tribute to Italian cinema at Tower Theatre in Miami, a Short Film Competition and various Documentary screenings.

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13. Kashmir Hindu Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,812.00

10400 NE 5 Avenue
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
Kashmir Hindu Heritage Day
November 15, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1 & 3*

Funds are requested to support the 2nd year of Kashmiri Hindu Heritage Day. This event seeks to create awareness of Kashmiri culture and its heritage. Culture will be expressed through dance and music, art and flavors of Kashmiri cuisine. The event will be held at the North Miami Public Library and Miami Shores Community Center. This event is open to the general public.

14. Key Biscayne Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Art Heart Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,437.00

798 Crandon Boulevard, #42
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
Art Heart Special Project and Exhibition
October 1-December 31, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the Art Heart Special Project and Exhibition for an art project involving children and their families undergoing treatment at Holtz Children's Hospital. An exhibition of photography and artwork will be presented demonstrating the process of creating artwork in the hospital. The artwork will be exhibited in a gallery at Holtz Children's Hospital in December and also at Miami Children's Museum. The exhibits will be open to the public.

15. MERRICK FESTIVAL INCORPORATED

Recommended Award: \$5,500.00

PO Box 143506
Coral Gables, Florida 33114
2014 Caroling Competition
December 1-15, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6*

Funds are requested to support the 2014 Caroling Competition, a free, week long event involving 30 Miami-Dade, K-8, middle and senior high school choirs. The Competition, now in its 28th year, presents over 1,500 local students performing at the 550 Biltmore Way Building in Coral Gables. Cash prizes, donated by local businesses, benefit the winning schools' music programs. This event is open to the public.

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16, Miami Acting Company, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,125.00

16201 SW 95 Avenue, Suite 104
Miami, Florida 33157
Fiddler on the Roof - Fall Season
September 18-November 11, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support "Fiddler on the Roof," a Miami Acting Company production at the Banyan Bowl Theater of Pinecrest Gardens. The cast is composed veteran actors, as well beginning actors and performers. There will be three performances open to the general public.

16. Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

1775 Washington Avenue, PH2
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
MiamiArtZine.com
October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support www.miamiartzine.com a free online publication dedicated to promoting the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County. The publication seeks to increase awareness of the arts in Miami-Dade County and serve as a cultural resource created for Miami-Dade County residents and visitors from the US and over 70 other countries.

17. MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, INC.

Recommended Award: \$10,312.00

247 SW 8 Street, #393
Miami, Florida 33130
13th Edition of the Miami short Film Festival
October 1-December 31, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 7*

Funds are requested to support the 13th Edition of the Miami Short Film Festival. The Festival will present simultaneous screenings of approximately 100 local, national and international short films at the Paragon Theater, Miami Beach Cinematheque, and North Beach Bandshell in Miami-Dade County in December. All screenings are open to the public.

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18. Miami Wind Symphony, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

2118 NE 40 Avenue
Homestead, Florida 33033
A Soldiers Story
November 9, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11*

Funds are requested to support the Miami Wind Symphony's concert entitled "A Soldiers Story" at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center located on the campus of Florida International University. The concert will feature Miami Dade College faculty members and the Civic Chorale of Greater Miami performing music that recounts the horrors of war and the valor and bravery of the men and women engaged in war. This event is open to the public.

19. Music in Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

2961 NE 185 Street, Unit 1618
Aventura, Florida 33180
Music in Miami
October 11, 2014-July 26, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support 7 concerts throughout the year. The concerts are free and are located at Trinity Cathedral, 464 NE 16 Street, Miami, Florida. All concerts are on Sundays at 6pm. The concerts will take place on October 12, December 28, February 15, April 26 and the summer series on July 12, 19 and 26. The concerts are generally classical chamber concerts, however, Music in Miami has expanded into some jazz; the December concert is a celebration of Winter Soslstice including students.

20. Richmond Heights Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

11225 SW 152 Street
Miami, Florida 33157
Community Tree Lighting Festival
December 13, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

Funds are requested to support Richmond Heights Community Association's 32nd Annual Community Tree Lighting Festival at Sgt. Joe Delancy's Park. This holiday celebration uses the performing arts to highlight the pride and tradition of this historic community and encourages residents to support cultural activities in Miami-Dade County. The festival uses visual cultural arts to address multi-cultural differences in Richmond Heights and its surrounding communities. The event is free to the public.

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21. SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN LISZT SOCIETY, INC. Recommended Award: \$2,235.00

12724 SW 204 Street, #153
Miami, Florida 33177
South Florida Chapter of the American Liszt Society Piano Series
October 26-December 6, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6 & 8*

Funds are requested to support a Piano Series presented by the South Florida Chapter of the American Liszt Society at the Deering Estate and Coral Gables Museum. The project will present 2 pianists in recital, 2 master classes for high-school/collegiate students and 2 pre-concert lectures. The event is open to the public.

22. South Florida Deaf Recreation Association, Inc. Recommended Award: \$2,407.00

13727 SW 152 Street, #404
Miami, Florida 33176
The National Theatre of the Deaf Project
November 7-8, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13*

Funds are requested to support the presentation of the National Theatre of the Deaf (NTD), a Connecticut-based theatre company that has the ability to inform, inspire and promote diversity and inclusion within our society as a whole. NTD will perform original works, classic stories, fables and poems, through the artistry of Sign Language and seamlessly blend them with the Spoken Word. The performances will take place at Goodlet Park and are open to the public.

23. South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc. Recommended Award: \$2,407.00

1390 South Dixie Highway, Suite 2203
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park
December 5, 2014-September 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

Funds are requested to support the Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park. The Community Artist Program showcases the work of local artists inspired by South Florida's national parks. Four exhibitions of original art will be mounted during the FY 2014-2015 season. The shows will be open to the public, free of charge.

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24. THE GERMAN SCHOOL OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Recommended Award: \$3,300.00

P.O. Box 431081
Miami, Florida 33243
Oktoberfest
October 11, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10*

Funds are requested to support the 23rd annual German International Parent Association (GIPA) Oktoberfest celebration at the German American Social Club. Authentic German cuisine and culture will be on display, including dance and artistic performances. The event is free and open to the public and includes games, rides, a silent auction and a host of traditional tastes that pay tribute to the greatest German heritage celebration.

24. The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Borscht Corp

Recommended Award: \$10,312.00

848 NE 81 Street
Miami, Florida 33138
Borscht Film Festival
Decemeber 18-21, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 7*

Funds are requested to support the 9th edition of the Borscht Film Festival (BFF), which produces and showcases the work of local filmmakers and artists telling stories that go beyond the typical portrayal of Miami. The festival also produces regional filmmaking workshops, concert series and site-specific screenings. BFF will take place at the Filmore Miami Beach, Miami Science Museum, Young Arts Campus, O-Cinema, Miami Beach Cinematheque, and Haitian Cultural Center. BFF is free and open to the public

25. The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for The Peter London Global Dance Company

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

1470 NE 123 Street, #605
North Miami, Florida 33161
Jazz Love Night at the Arsht
October 1 - December 14, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the presentation of "Jazz Love Night at the Arsht," a dance performance in celebration of jazz music, non-traditional jazz instruments like Steel Pan and other Afro-Caribbean instruments, as well as Calypso music created in Trinidad & Tobago, fused with traditional jazz composition and instrumentation. The program includes the work of five choreographers with close ties to the South Florida community and will be presented at the Carnival Studio at the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center. This event is open to the public.

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26. The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Thought Loom

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

PO Box 531520
Miami Shores, Florida 33153
Synapse Performance Project - Round 2
October 1 – December 22, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the Synapse Performance Project, a dance think thank and showcase of Shaneeka Harrell's work inspired by the time spanning between Cassius Clay's arrival to Miami in the winter of 1960 through the public announcement of the birth of Muhammed Ali immediately after the legendary Clay-Liston fight. The project consists of a creative workshop in October, culminating in a Weird Miami tour with Bas Fisher Invitational (BFI) and a workshop in December, closing in a show case at inkub8.

27. The Sunflower Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,156.00

1400 NE 125 Street
Miami, Florida 33161
Sunflower After-School Art for Life
October 1-December 19, 2014

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support holding free after-school art classes at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and the Culmer Center. In addition, Sunflower Society will be involved in free community events including Veteran's Day Parade, School Expo (Miami-Dade School Board) and Holiday Bazaar (free hands-on art activities for all) at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, as well as Student Art Exhibits which are open to the public.

30. Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens

Recommended Award: \$6,875.00

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156
2014 Holiday Festival and Nights of Lights
November 26 2014-January 6, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the sophomore year of Pinecrest Gardens' Annual Holiday Festival and Nights of Lights. The event will serve again as the centerpiece for the month-long Nights of Lights celebration which is expected to draw over 6,500 participants over the holiday season. Month-long activities will feature music, dance and theater performances, hands-on art activities, puppeteers, model trains, storytelling and the lighting of the Village tree and Menorah.

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