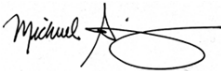


Memorandum



Date: November 18, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 30 grants for a total of \$160,000.00 from the FY 2015-2016 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2015-2016 Community Grants program panel chaired by Deputy Director Deborah Margol convened on Thursday, October 29, 2015, to review 33 applications requesting \$277,400.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 30 applicants for a total of \$160,000.00.

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
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Grant Award Recommendation**

1 A.Y.U.D.A., Inc.

Recommended Award: \$1,943.00

7144 Byron Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33141
Art Classes for the Elderly
January 9 – March 26, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support “Here for You,” a series of free art workshops specially designed to serve A.Y.U.D.A.'s elderly group. The workshops will culminate in four art exhibits at A.Y.U.D.A.'s facility, located in Miami Beach. This event is open to the public.

2 Branches, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,069.00

11500 NW 12 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33168
2016 MLK Remix!
February 13, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support an interactive, multicultural and educational festival for children and families in the City of South Miami to be held at the Bethel Gibson Community Center. Named MLK Remix!, the festival highlights diverse aspects of Black history through music and dance, showcases performances by talented Miami youth, engages families and children together in learning through hands-on arts activities and educates the public about Branches' and its program partners' services. The festival is free and open to the public.

3 Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,140.00

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326
"Bossa Nova at Sylvester"
January 15-April 15, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the second edition of Brazilian Jazz in the Courtyard, a concert by Brazilian Voices, a choral music ensemble composed of thirty-six local performers. A series of music interventions will culminate in a performance geared to patients, caregivers, and staff at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. The concert will be free and open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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4 Center for The Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,139.00

4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137
19th Annual Miami Jewish Film Festival
January 14-28, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 19th Annual Miami Jewish Film Festival (MJFF), which brings filmmakers, performers, and industry professionals to Miami to interact with audiences through screenings of award-winning films, panel discussions, and other special events. The 2016 Festival will expand to 13 days, with over 70 screenings taking place at Regal Cinemas South Beach, O Cinema Miami Shores, Miami Beach Cinemateque, Miami Beach Jewish Community Center, Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and Coral Gables Art Cinemateque. MJFF is open to the public.

5 City of West Miami

Recommended Award: \$2,957.00

901 SW 62 Avenue
West Miami, Florida 33144
West Miami Cultural Festival
March 12-13, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6*

Funds are requested to support a music and arts festival in Cooper Park, West Miami. The festival will feature Latin and classical music, a domino tournament, artist and craft vendors and artwork from seniors in the community. The festival seeks to showcase the cultural diversity of Miami-Dade County with entrants from around Latin America. The event is free and open to the public.

6 COMPOSITUM MUSICAE NOVAE, INC.

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

12283 SW 144 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33186
Compositum Musicae Novae Season III
January 15-July 29, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6*

Funds are requested to support the Compositum Musicae Novae's New Art Concert Series at the Coral Gables Museum through four concerts, free and open to the public. The concert series will educate the public in a fun and accessible environment, featuring works of music, visual arts and dance. Artists will include composer Dr. Frederico Bonacossa, choreographer Pioneer Winter, co-founder of Kendall Sound Art, Dr. Liza Seigido, Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, Randall Woolf and Punto Experimental Music Ensemble.

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7 Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$8,449.00

107 NE 22 Street
Miami, Florida 33137
Virginia Key GrassRoots Festival
February 18-21, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the Virginia Key GrassRoots Festival of Music, Art & Dance at the historic Virginia Key Beach Park. This event will showcase top notch musical acts from all over the world, as well as live art, dance workshops, yoga, and beach camping. This 4-day public, ticketed event will feature culturally significant musicians and traditions in a family-friendly natural setting. The festival is open to the general public.

8 Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,647.00

2920 SW 28 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33133
Concert Season, Master Classes, and Community Activities
January 6-May 6, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support performances by the world-renowned classical guitarists Junhong Kuang and Yamandu Costa, master classes conducted by Manuel Barrueco, Yamandu Costa, and Junhong Kuang, "open mic" sessions open to the community, history of the classical guitar lectures, and the Florida Guitar Foundation Community Guitar Ensemble. These activities will take place at Clarke Recital Hall, University of Miami and Miami Conservatory of Music.

9 Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of The College of Architecture and the Arts

Recommended Award: \$4,647.00

11200 SW 8 Street
Miami, Florida 33199
Inspicio
January 11-March 31, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11*

Funds are requested to support the publication of a multi-platform, interdisciplinary arts journal called Inspicio. Inspicio will be offered as a website, where content about all art disciplines will be continually updated, as an e-magazine that can conveniently be read on iPads and iPhones, and lastly, in a 9x12 print version encompassing the most engaging articles of the year. This publication is free and available to the public.

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10 Florida Opera Prima, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,957.00

500 NW 36 Street, Suite 302
Miami, Florida 33127
"Il Cenerentolo"
February 28, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the production and presentation of "IL CENERENTOLO," a Venetian fantasy at the Colony Theater in Miami Beach. "IL CENERENTOLO" is a version from Cinderella, or The Little Glass Slipper. The audience will be exposed to baroque music from operas by Handel and Vivaldi, in Italian, Venetian costumes and dancing the Minuet. This event is open to the public.

11 Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Academic, Cultural & Charitable Exchanges Corp.

Recommended Award: \$3,168.00

3350 SW 3 Street
Miami, Florida 33135
Cambios (Changes), a documentary feature film
December 1-March 31, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the screening of Cambios (Changes), a documentary featuring Miami artists who have been essential in developing Miami's presence in the international art scene. Cambios will be screened at Centro Cultural Espanol, CIFO and O Cinema. This event is open to the public.

12 Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,393.00

10854 SW 88 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
Living Word Weekend / Palabra Viva Weekend
February 19-21, 2016

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

Funds are requested to support the "Living Word Weekend," an event dedicated to promote multicultural dialogue through literature and the arts. This event will include meetings with authors, storytellers, literary and visual arts workshops, music, interdisciplinary performances and a poetry recital. These activities will be held at Coral Way K-8 Bilingual Center, John G. DuPuis Elementary School, International Studies Preparatory Academy (ISPA), Ada Merritt K-8 and the Centro Cultural Español. This event is free and open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendation**

13 IFCM Corp.

90 NW 29 Street
Miami, Florida 33127
FilmGate Interactive
February 20-28, 2016

Recommended Award: \$12,674.00

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

Funds are requested to support Filmgate Interactive 2016, an interactive film festival that exhibits the cutting edge of filmmaking technology and transmedia storytelling. The festival seeks to engage audiences through interactive screenings, cross-platform storytelling, digital-media training, education and the latest information and analysis of the changing international market. Filmgate Interactive strives to bring new technology and the future of storytelling to South Florida. The festival will take place at O Cinema in Wynwood, O Cinema Miami Beach and Deauville Beach Resort in Miami Beach.

14 Kashmir Hindu Foundation, Inc

10400 NE 5 Avenue
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
Kashmiri Hindu Heritage Day
January 16, 2016

Recommended Award: \$1,021.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support Kashmiri Hindu Heritage Day, an event designed to create awareness of Kashmiri culture expressed through dance, music, art and flavors of Kashmiri cuisine. This presentation will take place at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church and will be open to public.

15 Miami Acting Company, Inc.

16201 SW 95 Avenue, Suite 104
Miami, Florida 33157
Nonsense
February 21-April, 3, 2016

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the presentation of "Nonsense," a theatrical play by Miami Acting Company at the Banyan Bowl Theater in Pinecrest Gardens. The cast is composed by an ensemble of veteran actors, as well beginning actors and performers. There will be three performances open to the general public.

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Grant Award Recommendation**

16 Miami Arts Parade Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,224.00

8017 SW 151 Court
Miami, Florida 33193
BoheMia Arts Festival
January 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the BoheMia Arts Festival, a Venetian carnival style performance representing diverse cultures from Latin America at Maximo Gomez Park, better known as Domino Plaza. Over 130 local and international artists, musicians and arts and crafts vendors will bring cultural arts to the Little Havana community. This event is open to the public.

17 Miami Theater Hub, Inc. D/B/A Miami New Drama

Recommended Award: \$3,802.00

169 E Flagler Street, Penthouse 17
Miami, Florida 33131
Florida Premiere: The Golem of Havana
January 14-February 7, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Florida premiere of The Golem of Havana, a critically-acclaimed musical exploring the lives of a Jewish family in Cuba on the brink of revolution. It is an epic story with an exciting score that blends Cuban and Jewish music, and explores the convergence of cultures present in South Florida. This work has played to sold-out Off-Broadway audiences and the Florida premiere on Miami Beach will mark the premiere theater season of Miami New Drama. This event is open to the public.

18 MIDEASTERN DANCE EXCHANGE, INC

Recommended Award: \$2,957.00

1725 James Avenue, Apt. 19
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Havana Habibi Festival
February 26-28, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the Havana Habibi Festival, a three day scholarly, film and dance project examining bellydance in a Cuban, Miami and Caribbean context. The festival will premiere the documentary film "Havana Habibi," which chronicles a ten year bellydance project in Havana, Cuba pioneered by Miami artist Tiffany Madera. Other events include a scholarly panel discussion at FIU and workshops examining dance, film and the Afro-Caribbean-Arabic perspective in Miami. This event is open to the public and will take place at O Cinema Wynwood, Florida International University and Little Haiti Cultural Center.

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19 Musicall, Inc.

9225 SW 8 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33174
Growing Musicall Lives 2016
March 25-26, 2016

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support Growing Musicall Lives, a music conference by Musicall, Inc. The conference will include workshops, lectures and performances that will highlight the importance of music education with special focus on children and teenagers with and without disabilities and the elderly. The conference will take place at South Miami Middle School and is open to the public.

20 National Tropical Botanical Garden, Inc.

4013 Douglas Road
Miami, Florida 33133
100th Anniversary of The Kampong: Tastes and Tales
January 1-March 31, 2016

Recommended Award: \$5,492.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support Tastes and Tales, a celebration of the life of Dr. David Fairchild and his legacy: Plant Collecting, Plant Exchange and Food Culture at The Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden. The event will celebrate the different communities, each with its unique plant, food and culinary heritage of Miami, often with heirloom varieties brought from distant homes. Tastes and Tales will also explore the critical issues of cultural diversity, identity and food security.

21 Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation, Inc.

490 Opa-locka Boulevard, Suite 20
Opa-Locka, Florida 33054
2016 META Series
January 1-Septmeber 30, 2016

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1*

Funds are requested to support Opa-Locka Community Development Corporation's (OLCDC) free programmatic series META in 2016. Open to the public and hosted at OLCDC's new Arts & Recreation Center in downtown Opa-locka, META includes exhibitions, performances, and creative dialogues to engage the Opa-locka and greater South Florida communities with unique and transformative art. The monthly series showcases local artists/curators particularly from the African Diaspora leading up to OLCDC's annual Art of Transformation. This event is open to the public.

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Grant Award Recommendation**

22 Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$8,449.00

6401 SW 87 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
South Miami Rotary Art Festival
February 20-21, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the 33rd annual South Miami Rotary Art Festival, a juried outdoor festival on the main street of downtown South Miami. The festival features 150 craftspeople, 11 food booths, and continuous music by two local jazz groups. It is free to the public and attracts close to 25,000 visitors over the two day weekend. The festival takes place on Sunset Drive between Red Road and US 1 just across US 1 from the South Miami Metrorail station. The event is open and free to the public.

23 Sabrina Cohen Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,069.00

1800 Sunset Harbor Drive
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Adaptive Arts at Beach for ALL
January 2-September 30, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support art therapy workshops with adaptive equipment for arts activities by specialized art therapists and occupational therapists. The workshops will culminate in an art exhibition at Allison Park and Ronald W. Shane Center in Miami Beach. This event is open to the public.

24 Shakespeare in the Park Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$8,449.00

330 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Free Shakespeare in the Park - Much Ado About Nothing
January 1-February 7, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 7 & 11*

Funds are requested to support a production of William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing and free educational programming at the Frost Museum at Florida International University, The Barnacle State Park, Pinecrest Gardens and Heritage Park. These events are free and open to the public.

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25 South Florida Lindy Collective Corporation

Recommended Award: \$2,112.00

4421 SW 15 Street, #27
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069
Swingin' Concert Series
February 19-September 16, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4 & 6*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Lindy Collective's Swingin' Concert Series. These multigenerational presentations include demonstrations and introductory lessons for authentic vintage swing dances such as Lindy Hop, Jitterbug, Charleston, Balboa, and Blues, and are followed by social dancing to live music performances from swing/jazz/blues musicians at the Coral Gables Museum, VK Dance, Fritz & Franz Bierhaus and Best of Times Studio. These events are open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

26 St. Patricks Day Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

P.O. Box 836225
Miami, Florida 33283
St. Patrick's Day Festival
March 12, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the St. Patrick's Day Festival, a day showcasing Irish culture, tradition, music, art and dance. This event is free and open to the public. Vendors will display their wares, and traditional music and dancing will give onlookers a chance to experience Irish culture in Miami-Dade County. The event will take place at the Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park.

27 St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community

Recommended Award: \$6,337.00

2401 SW 3 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129
St. Sophia Greek Festival of Miami
February 26-28, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the annual St. Sophia Greek Festival which shares and preserves the rich Greek heritage and culture through traditional foods, music, dancing, wines and cuisine. This event will take place at the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community and is open to the public.

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28 Tradisyon Lakou Lakay, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,492.00

10802 NE 4 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33161
Spring Fest VII
March 21-25, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support TLL Spring Fest VII, an arts week-long program designed for underserved youth in the community. The program will serve 60 students in the areas of Haitian dance, visual arts, music, and theater. Under the guidance of professional performing and visual arts instructors, students will work towards performing and exhibiting their work at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. The performance/exhibit will be open to the public.

29 United Jewish Generations, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,224.00

16820 NE 6, Court 29
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162
FACE Fine Arts and Culture for Elderly
January 17, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support The Grand Klezmer Concert. This concert has been a major hit for the senior citizens and especially for those on a tight budget. Klezmer music is a real delicacy for those of Eastern European descent. The entertainers are from the Tekiah Orchestra. The location for the concert is the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theatre in North Miami Beach. The event is open to the public.

30 Waving Hands, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,492.00

P.O. Box 440996
Miami, Florida 33144
Waving Hands Artistic Celebration
March 4-5, 2016

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support Waving Hands Artistic Celebration, a set of two performances designed to meet the needs of people who are hard of hearing and deaf individuals in the community. The event will take place at Florida International University Frost Art Museum and is open to the public.

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