

Memorandum



Date: May 17, 2017

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2017-18 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2017-2018 award recommendations for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants from the FY 2017-2018 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2017-2018 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Monty Trainer, convened on Friday, May 5, 2017 to review 28 applications requesting a total of \$1,575,000. The Panel recommended funding all 28 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories. Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues under \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

Funding for the Youth Arts Miami Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2017-2018 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

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Grant # 1: - All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba Florida Youth Orchestra

1708 N. 40th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida 33021
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 3,700

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will support music education and outreach performances for 3,700 youth ages 5-18, at public schools, mainstage concerts and community sites throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities include orchestral training, violin instruction for at-risk youth, Family Concerts for young children, and outreach performances. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved: musical ability, social/behavioral skills and self-esteem.

Grant # 2: - Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.

P.O. BOX 170113
Miami, Florida 33017
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 125

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support the Alliance for Musical Arts' music programs for 125 youth ages 7-18, at the Betty T. Ferguson Complex in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include classes in percussion and musical instrumentation, community performances and events, parades and lecture/demonstrations. Participants will benefit from developing music theory and applied musical techniques.

Grant # 3: - American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.

2150 Coral Way Suite 3-C
Miami, Florida 33145
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 2,680

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support American Children's Orchestras for Peace music programs for 2,680 students ages 6-18, at Shenandoah Elementary, Jose Marti Park, and Shenandoah Park in Little Havana. Program activities will include year-round after school music education and performances throughout Miami-Dade's multi-ethnic communities. Participants will engage in music lessons and benefit from learning instrumental technique, music theory, and music history.

Grant # 4: - Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company

1560 South Dixie Highway Suite 103
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,000

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will support the Area Stage Conservatory Program for 1,000 students ages 6-22, at schools for children with developmental disabilities, other schools in Miami-Dade County, and at Area Stage Company in Coral Gables. Activities will include workshops in theater, musical theatre, orchestra and technical theatre, and participation in Area Stage Company's professional conservatory productions. 10,000 additional students will also participate by attending outreach programs, free dress rehearsals and field trip performances.

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Grant # 5: - Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

415 W. 51 Place
Hialeah, Florida 33012
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 260

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Etudes for 260 students ages 6-18, at multiple locations in Hialeah. Program activities will include performances of classical ballet and training for ballet students in the underserved areas of Hialeah. Participants will engage in ballet classes and benefit from ballet skills, training and life skills to successfully perform in front of an audience.

Grant # 6: - Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194th Street
Miami, Florida 33055
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 200

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Diva Arts' program activities for 200 students ages 5-19, at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Participants will benefit by participating in dance training classes including ballet, modern, contemporary dance, choreography and personal development. These activities are in place to educate and enrich under-served youth and to provide them access to vital programs that will improve their quality of life.

Grant # 7: - enFAMILIA, INC.

PO BOX 924229
Homestead, Florida 33092
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 300

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support a year-round arts program for 300 students ages 8-15, at enFAMILIA in Homestead and Florida City. Activities include multidisciplinary arts classes, exhibits and performances where students engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts. Students will benefit from learning various arts skills, as well as the causes, consequences and solutions to substance abuse and at risk behaviors.

Grant # 8: - Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

6101 NW 7th Avenue, #79
Miami, Florida 33127
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 55,000

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 55,000 students ages 0-17, at the Sandrell Rivers Theater in Liberty City and Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals and community centers countywide. Program activities will include educational theatre shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theatre arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

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Grant # 9: - Florida Film Institute, Inc.

640 NE 124th Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 120

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Florida Film Institute's CINEMA program for 120 students ages 12-18, at the Coral Gables Art Cinema and four Miami-Dade County public schools located in mid-town, Miami Lakes, South Miami and one location to be determined. Program activities will include all aspects of filmmaking as an art and career path. Participants will engage in script writing, acting and directing and benefit from literacy and working together as a team to produce a short film.

Grant # 10: - Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset Drive
Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 900

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support concerts and outreach programs for over 900 students ages 5-18, at locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include rehearsals, performances, classes, special events, and summer programs. Participants will engage in weekly orchestra/band rehearsals, instrument classes, sectionals, chamber groups, an annual concerto competition, and outreach and gala concerts and benefit from increased instrumental and performance skills.

Grant # 11: - Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.

169 East Flagler Street Suite 1134
Miami, Florida 33131
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 250

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds will support Guitars Over Guns programs for over 250 youth ages 11-16, in North Miami, Georgia Jones Ayers, Citrus Grove, Jose de Diego and Cutler Bay schools, as well as at select community-based organizations throughout Miami-Dade County. Activities include instruction, performance, recording sessions, gallery showings and creating music videos. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship and showcase opportunities.

Grant # 12: - Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 Terrace
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 9,300

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant Funds will be used to support Kinad's year-round mobile museum cultural arts program for 9,300 children and youth ages 6–16, from under-served communities across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits, with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective, cultural traditions and addressing obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart attack or heart diseases due to poor diets.

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Grant # 13: - Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

1533 Sunset Drive #215
Coral Gables, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 240

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support the Miami Children's Chorus program for 240 students age 8-18, in Coral Gables, Homestead, City of Miami Beach, Kendall, Little Havana, South Miami, the City of Miami and at the Arsht Center. Program activities will include rehearsals, concerts, workshops and family sing-alongs. Participants will explore standard and experimental forms of choral music and benefit by developing musicianship, vocal technique, disciplined effort and sustained commitment.

Grant # 14: - Miami Dance Project, Inc.

6840 SW 81st Terrace
Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 250

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Dance Projects' scholarship program for 250 students, including 75 students with autism, ages 5-18, at the main studio near South Miami, and one outreach site near Kendall. Program activities will include ballet, tap, jazz, modern dance, and yoga activities. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history knowledge, social skills, and healthier habits.

Grant # 15: - Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

PO Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,682

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Momentum's educational children's programming and outreach performances for 1,682 students ages 3-17, plus families totaling 8,140, at Perrine Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle School, Southwest High School, Carrie Meek Community Center, Coral Gables Public Library and Miami Beach Regional Library. Participants will engage in and benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes, rehearsals and performances.

Grant # 16: - Miami Music Project, Inc.

2125 Biscayne Boulevard, Unit 215
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 750

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Music Project's 750 youth ages 6-18, at its four chapter locations in Doral, Little Haiti, Liberty City and Little Havana. Activities include classical music instruction and orchestral participation culminating in many performances. Miami Music Project's youth gain skills key to positive development: leadership, executive functioning, critical thinking, teamwork, self-esteem and confidence – improving academic performance and providing an opportunity to give back to the community.

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Grant # 17: - Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

11155 SW 112th Avenue Suite 501

Miami, Florida 33176

Est. # of children/youth to be served: 700

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Children's Theater program activities for 700 students ages 3-19, at the Coral Gables Youth Center and the Alper JCC in Kendall. Program activities will include vocal, acting, dance and all training pertinent to musical theater. Participants will engage in classes, summer camps and main stage productions and benefit from the real time experience of performing and learning from experienced faculty.

Grant # 18: - Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

9210 SW 158th Lane

Miami, Florida 33157

Est. # of children/youth to be served: 200

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Miami Youth Ballet's season and educational programs for approximately 200 students ages 8-18, in Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay and South Miami Heights. Season activities will include performances of The Nutcracker, A Day at the Park and dance creative workshops and free master classes at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Dancers will receive expert coaching/training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and guidance towards what it takes to become a professional in dance.

Grant # 19: - Musically, Inc.

9225 SW 8 Terrace

Miami, Florida 33174

Est. # of children/youth to be served: 600

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support general music classes, theory/piano lab, orchestra, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 600 students ages 2-18, at locations in South Miami and throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music education programs, musical performances and workshops and benefit by improving their understanding and knowledge in music and their instrumental skills.

Grant # 20: - National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.

2100 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of children/youth to be served: 3,485

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support YoungArts programs for 3,485 students ages 15-18, at the YoungArts Campus, New World Center and other venues across Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include master classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions, and in-school presentations. Participants will engage in the visual, performing, literary and design arts and benefit from enhanced appreciation of the arts and personal engagement with YoungArts alumni from across the United States.

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Grant # 21: - PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, Florida 33167
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 1,200

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support PATH to Hip Hop for 1,200 students ages 13-22, at academic and cultural venues in Little Haiti, Homestead, Cutler Bay, Miami Gardens, Liberty City and downtown Miami. Program activities will include workshops, community events and arts mentorship. Participants will engage in DJ/music production, Emcee/Spoken Word, Bboy/Bgirl, Urban Art and Hip Hop Theater and benefit from working directly with professional working artists and industry leaders.

Grant # 22: - Red Chemistry, Inc.

3240 Mary Street PHS1
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 700

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support the Cinemagique program for 700+ students ages 11-18, at 12 or more schools in Miami, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, Hialeah, North Miami, Little Haiti, and Liberty City. Program activities will include short-film based workshops and a film competition. Participants will engage in media arts/film-based learning and benefit from films in three languages, discussions, film criticism, scriptwriting, history, culture, and working with industry professionals.

Grant # 23: - South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

12645 SW 114 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 112

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support South Florida Youth Symphony's music education programs for 112 students ages 4-21, at the Pawley Creative Arts Center of Miami Dade College North Campus in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include weekly classes and five community concert presentations. Participants will engage in music techniques, ensemble training and benefit from professional guidance and coaching.

Grant # 24: - The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.

14401 Old Cutler Road
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 100

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support choral music education for 100 students ages 7-18, at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay and Branches in Florida City. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, four major concerts and participation in community events throughout Miami Dade County and beyond. Participants will engage in choral performances and benefit from increased musicianship skills and personal growth.

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Grant # 25: - The Motivational Edge, Inc.

2103 Coral Way 2nd Floor
Miami, Florida 33145
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 2,000

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support programming for 2000 youth ages 4-21, at various sites throughout Miami-Dade County, including foster homes, juvenile justice facilities, homeless shelters, public parks and multiple Miami-Dade County public schools. Program activities will include lyrical expression, audio production, music instruction, urban arts, and dance. Participants will engage in therapeutic art services, mentoring, and life-skill initiatives, and benefit from the opportunity to grow and develop through the arts.

Grant # 26: - The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

8825 SW 19 ST
Miami, Florida 33165
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 100

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support two mainstage musicals for 100 students, ages 8-23, at Florida International University in Miami. Program activities will include workshops taught by guest artist professionals such as Broadway Connection provides. Participants will engage in acting, singing, and dance classes, and benefit from learning new musical theatre techniques and developing social and team-building skills.

Grant # 27: - The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

5818 SW 73 ST
Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 500

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support "Dance as a Vehicle to Success," for over 500 students ages 5-18, at five sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens and Perrine. Participants will engage in ballet, tap, modern and alternate dance genres. Literacy and math tutoring assistance is delivered at four sites. Students will achieve mastery of dance skills and learn discipline, consistency, focus and the delay of gratification. Math and reading scores will improve!

Grant # 28: - Young Musicians Organization, Inc.

4400 Palm Lane
Miami, Florida 33137
Est. # of children/youth to be served: 130

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support Young Musicians Unite for approximately 130 middle and high school students ages 13-18, at Booker T. Washington High School, Jose de Diego Middle School and Overtown Youth Center in Miami's Overtown and Wynwood neighborhoods. Program activities will include classes in music theory, music instruction and performances. Participants will engage in music programs and benefit from music education and performance opportunities that Young Musicians Unite offers.
