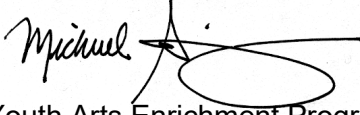


Date: September 20, 2023

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2023-2024 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 33 grants for a total of \$550,000.00 from the FY 2023-2024 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-2024 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, convened on September 7, 2023 to review 35 applications requesting a total of \$701,150.00. The Panel recommended funding 33 applications for a total of \$550,000.00. Two (2) 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 Arts Residencies and Performances
- Out-of-School/Public Arts Exhibitions and Performances

Applicants to this program must have a minimum one-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 three 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 \$30,000.**

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 \$10,000.**

CATEGORY C: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that serve children, youth and young adults with disabilities through inclusive arts and cultural programs so that kids of all abilities and their families can participate fully in the arts. **Applicants in Category C may request up to \$20,000.**

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 the YEP program is derived from the FY 2023-2024 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

1 - **Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$21,514

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

Arts Ballet Goes to Ojus Elementary

Grant funds will be used to support the sixth year of *Arts Ballet Goes to Ojus Elementary School*, a 22-week residency program for 30 students, ages PreK through 5th grade, at Ojus Elementary School. The program includes an introduction to ballet appreciation, and participants will learn the basics of ballet and other dance styles, theory of dance, ballet vocabulary, and the Russian ballet style.

2 - **ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation**

Recommended Award: \$ 21,876

900 East Perrine Avenue
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157

Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC)

Grant funds will be used to support *Arts Beyond the Classroom* for 120 students, ages 6-15, taking place October 16, 2023 - May 17, 2024 at Sweet Home Academy in Perrine, The Young Men's Preparatory Academy in Miami and Chapman Partnership in Homestead. Project activities will include dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, painting and drawing. Participants will engage in visual arts, music and dance and benefit from participating in the public demonstration of their work.

3 - **Brazilian Voices Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$20,000

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326

Music, Kids & Wellness

Grant funds will be used to support *Music, Kids & Wellness* for 700 students/patients, ages 0 to 21, from October 2023 through May 2024 at the Miami Learning Experiences School, UM Bascom Palmer Eye Institute - Pediatric Department and Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami-Dade County. Participants will learn movement and rhythm in song with the use of various percussion instruments. The songs featured in the program will range from Brazilian Bossa nova, Disney classics and American popular tunes.

4 - **Community Arts and Culture, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

5401 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

The Inheritants Project

Grant funds will be used to support *The Inheritants Project* for 618 students, ages 0-18, beginning October 28, 2023 and concluding on April 15, 2024. The project will take place at The Doral Yard, The Koubeck Center and The Barnyard. Project activities will include craft building, interactive dance and a mini concert. Youth will learn about ancestral customs practiced in Miami neighborhoods, such as crafting sugar "offrendas", creating Sekeres-beaded gourds, learning social folkloric dance, which will enhance their overall music awareness.

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5 - **Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$22,481**
3010 De Soto Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
CAP Miami Jazz Institute Creativity for All

Grant funds will be used to support the *CAP Miami Jazz Institute Creativity for All* for 100 students, ages 10-18, from across Miami-Dade County. The program will take place October 2, 2023 through May 27, 2024 at Coral Gables Congregational Church. Project activities will include twice-weekly harmony classes, instrument coaching, and jam sessions. Participants will explore unique musical ideas and benefit from skills that create freedom of expression and build well-rounded musicians for today's varied performance demands.

6 - **El Ingenio Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$21,876**
6300 SW 20 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33155
Centro Mater Arts Education Project

Grant funds will be used to support the *Centro Mater Arts Education Project* program for 70 students, ages 6 to 12 years. The program will take place at the Centro Mater East Center in Little Havana and run from October 9, 2023 through May 17, 2024. Project activities will include theater, movement, music, and drawing. Participants will engage in instruction in painting, singing, dancing, acting, musical therapy, and makeup. Participants will apply the skills learned in the program in a full bilingual theater production.

7 - **Evolutionary Arts Life Foundation Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$21,514**
3700 Nw 157 Street
Miami, Florida 33054
Arts Evolve Academy

Grant funds will support the *Arts Evolve Academy* after school program for 50 students, ages 7-17, at Dr. Michael M. Krop Sr. High and Norland Middle in North Miami from October 7, 2023 through May 4, 2024. Participants will engage in musical theater and symphonic band instruction. Activities include weekly instruction in dance, acting, musical theater, and symphonic music. Students will also enjoy two specialty workshops, attend one professional concert and participate in one live, theatrical performance.

8 - **Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$20,000**
8700 SW 112 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
The Friendship Circle Band and Music Program

Grant funds will be used to support *The Friendship Circle's Band and Music Program* for 25 students, ages 6 and up, from October 2023 through May 2024 at the Friendship Circle of Miami. Program activities will include various forms of music instruction and education. Participants will engage in rhythm and timing, learning notes and chords, exposure to multiple instruments, lyric memorization, and how to play as a band together.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

9 - **GableStage, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

1200 Anastasia Avenue, Suite 230
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

GableStage 2024 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour

Grant funds will be used to support GableStage's *2024 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour* for 6,500 students, ages 12-17, taking place February 2024 through April 2024 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools located throughout the County. Project activities will include performances, talkbacks with actors, and study guides. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit from experiencing a live production, meeting and learning from theatre professionals, and hands-on experience of the curriculum through the works of William Shakespeare.

10 - **Jar of Hearts, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$ 20,000

13040 sw 6 Street
Miami, Florida 33184

Jar of heARTS HEART (Healing & Educational ART) mobile Project

Grant funds will be used to support the *Jar of heARTS HEART* program for 512 patients, ages 0-18, at local children's hospitals and medical facilities located in Miami-Dade County. Project activities run October 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 and include Zot Artz adaptive printing activities, painting, sculpting, drawing, and collaging. Benefits for participants of the program include helping reduce pain while decreasing symptoms of stress, stimulating mental function and developing social/emotional bonds due to isolation.

11 - **Jazz Education Community Coalition (JECC)**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

2100 Van Buren Street, 301
Hollywood, Florida 33020

A Matter of Black Lives

Grant funds will be used to support *A Matter of Black Lives*, a program for 2,500 MDCPS students, ages 10-18, during the 2023/2024 school year. Project activities include multimedia performances of music, dance and visual art with projections including interviews with historians. Participants will learn about black fiddle players in the American South, further informing them about this segment of US history and the evolution of that music.

12 - **Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

11760 SW 72 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33156

Everyone Dances!

Grant funds will be used to support *Everyone Dances!*, a program for 100 teen students with special needs, ages 13-18, taking place October 1 through December 15, 2023 in 6-8 middle and senior high schools across Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include 9 weeks of dance instruction culminating in a final community performance. Participants will engage in weekly movement and creative sessions while developing self-esteem, teamwork, physical confidence, and the joy of performance in front of an audience.

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FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

13 - Mahogany Youth Corporation

Recommended Award: \$10,000

1060 NW 85 Street
Miami, Florida 33150

Connecting Youth With Nature Through Art

Grant funds will be used to support *Connecting Youth With Nature Through Art*, an afterschool program for 50 students, ages 6-18, taking place October 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024 at the Henry K Mack K-8 in West Little River. The program includes instruction in the classroom and outdoor field trips. Project activities include arts, music, drama, fishing, swimming, hiking, life skills and STEAM. The art will include visual arts, drawing, painting, sculpture, and printmaking. They will also learn about art history and develop their artistic skills.

14 - Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

6767 Crandon Boulevard
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

A Day Where Art Meets Nature

Grant funds will be used to support *A Day Where Art Meets Nature* for 400 students, aged 6-17, from October 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne. Project activities will include outdoor art sessions, drawing, sculpture, dance, and poetry. Participants will engage in observing colors, textures, and patterns in nature under the instruction of local artists and create beautiful artwork combining what they have learned about nature and what they see.

15 - Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc

Recommended Award: \$10,000

255 Alhambra Circle, PH
Coral Gables, Florida 33176

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields Miami Residency

Grant funds will be used to support the *Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Miami Residency* - featuring violinist Joshua Bell - for 1,000 students, ages 6-16, in March 2024 at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. Project activities will include two performances: an interactive concert for Miami-Dade Public School students and a side-by-side performance with youth orchestras. Participants will engage in classical music activities with a legendary musician and ensemble.

16 - Miami City Ballet, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,816

2200 Liberty Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Ballet Bus Year 9: Long-Term Arts Education Scholarships

Grant funds will be used to support *Ballet Bus* for 35 students, ages 7-14, from October 2, 2023 through May 31, 2024 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities will include bus transportation and full scholarships to study ballet, wellness instruction and performance opportunities. Participants will engage in dance training for up to ten years and benefit from improved artistry, social-emotional development and family enrichment, which holistically contribute to a bright future.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

17 - Miami New Drama, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$22,360

1040 Lincoln Road

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Miami New Drama In-School Residencies

Grant funds will be used to support *Miami New Drama In-School Residencies* for 70 students, ages 11-17, from Oct 2023 through May 2024 at Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Coral Park Senior High School, Feinberg Fisher K-8 Center and Nautilus Middle School. Project activities will include courses focused on theater history, writing, voice, movement, acting and design. Participants will engage in theater and benefit from training in performance and creation to develop tools for artistic and personal expression.

18 - Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

18900 NE 25 Avenue

North Miami Beach, Florida 33180

Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series

Grant funds will be used to support the *Alan and Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series* for 1,800 students, ages 5-12, taking place October 2023 through May 2024 at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include four professional shows with Q&A, advanced classroom prep with study guides and reading the book on which the show is based. Participants will benefit from experiencing educational/values-based theatre in a professional theater setting.

19 - Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$22,541

770 NE 125 Street

North Miami, Florida 33161

MOCA Teen Art Force 2023-2024

Grant funds will be used to support *MOCA Teen Art Force (TAF)* for a core group of 25 students, ages 13-17, attending 25 days (out of the 60 total who attend TAF programming throughout the year) from Oct 2, 2023 through May 24, 2024 at Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami. Courses are offered in fashion and textiles; drawing and portfolio; mixed media and sculpture; digital art and printmaking; photography and art journalism. Activities include field trips, community service projects, artist presentations and student exhibitions.

20 - New World Symphony, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

500 17 Street

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

NWS Education Concerts

Grant funds will be used to support *New World Symphony's Education Concert Series* for approximately 1,500 students, ages 9-17, on January 24 & 25, 2024 at the New World Center in Miami Beach. These thematic daytime concerts will introduce major orchestral works and composers to students from Miami-Dade County. A study guide will be sent in advance to all participating classes and roundtrip bus transportation will be provided free of charge.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

21 - Nu Deco Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,816

2100 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

Nu Deco NXT

Grant funds will be used to support *Nu Deco NXT* for 37 students, ages 12-18, taking place October 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024 at various venues including the Moss Center, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami Arts Charter and the Miami Beach Bandshell. Project activities include monthly workshops, field trips, and masterclasses, with an annual full-week spring intensive. Participants will work with New Deco Ensemble teaching artists to hone their music skills through 21st-century performance, musical creation, wellbeing and leadership.

22 - O, Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$30,000

595 NW 91 Street
Miami, Florida 33150

The Sunroom

Grant funds will be used to support *O, Miami's Classroom Residencies* for 200 students, ages 6-17, from October 2023 through May 2024 at various Miami-Dade County Schools located in Coconut Grove, Liberty City, Westchester and Morningside. Project activities will mix poetry with other art forms such as music, and visual art. Participants will engage in literary arts, performing arts, and visual arts and develop critical thinking skills, discovering the value of their own stories and gaining confidence.

23 - Orchestra Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

P.O. Box 7598
Miami, Florida 33255

Orchestra Miami/Carnegie Hall Link Up Program

Grant funds will be used to support the *Orchestra Miami/Carnegie Hall Link Up Program* for 1,500 students, ages 8-10, taking place Oct 2, 2023 through May 24, 2024 at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and participating schools. Project activities include weekly lessons taught by Miami-Dade County Public School teachers, classroom activities with Orchestra Miami musicians and a final concert where students perform with the orchestra. Participants will engage in music lessons, learning to play an instrument while learning about classical music.

24 - Pinecrest City Music Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

11767 S Dixie Highway, Unit 176
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

4th Annual South Dade Schools ArtsFest

Grant funds will be used to support the 4th annual *South Dade Schools ArtsFest* for 1,000 students, ages 5-18, taking place on March 16, 2024 at the Pinecrest Gardens in Pinecrest, Florida. Project activities will include musical performances, student art exhibitions and arts-sensory interactive activities to include neurodiverse participants. Participants in the program will engage in music and the visual arts and benefit from group learning and mentorship from more experienced artists.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

25 - Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

1235 NE 96 Street
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
Student Art Gallery

Grant funds will be used to support the *Student Art Gallery* for the 50 students enrolled at Miami Arts Studio at Zelda Glazer after each of the four MMC concerts in Allapattah. Fourteen students will create artwork over a ten-day period and will be presented after each performance. Students will benefit from the program by learning to mount an art show, present their work, engage in the creation and sale of their art. Participation in the program will help them learn how to incorporate feedback, negotiate art sales and build their portfolio.

26 - Seraphic Fire, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$15,124

2153 Coral Way, Suite 401
Miami, Florida 33145
Choral Education Residency 2023-2024

Grant funds will be used to support the *2023-2024 Choral Education Residency* for 35 students, ages 8-11, taking place October 2, 2023 to May 17, 2024 at Spanish Lake Elementary in North Miami. Project activities include instruction in music theory and vocal technique, which will be provided by professional singers/educators and a choral education resident teacher. Participants will engage in choral music and benefit from improved academic performance, enhanced life skills, and music literacy.

27 - South Florida Arts & Counseling

Recommended Award: \$20,000

2727 NW 17 Terrace, 205
Miami, Florida 33125
Music and Therapy Program: My Talent, My Future

Grant funds will be used to support the *My Talent, My Future* after-school program for 15 students with challenges, ages 7-14, taking place November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 at Overtown Youth Center. Participants will engage in therapeutic musical expression and benefit from increasing their emotional and behavioral functioning while building music skills. Activities will include music counseling, music instruction, expressive art interventions and music performances, offered free of charge.

28 - South Florida Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

2201 Wilton Drive, Suite 12
Wilton Manors, Florida 33305
Preserving Our Coral Reef: Teams of Success

Grant funds will be used to support the *Preserving Our Coral Reef* program for 786 students in 2nd and 3rd grades, taking place on March 5, 2024 at the Miami Beach Bandshell. Participants will have the opportunity to attend the concert and learn about science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) integrated learning activities while enjoying the musical experience.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2023-2024 Grant Award Recommendations**

29 - The Dance NOW! Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$22,481

PO Box 416525

Miami Beach, Florida 33141

Dance NOW! Miami Long Term Residency at Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory

Grant funds will be used to support a 10-week public school residency for 60 middle and high school students, ages 11-17, taking place October 2023 through May 2024 at Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts Dance Department. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creating new works, coaching, performance opportunities and attending a free performance by Dance NOW! Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

30 - The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,695

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157

Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program

Grant funds will be used to support *Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program* for 180 students, ages 6-14, taking place October 11, 2023 through May 29, 2024 at the Deering Estate in Palmetto Bay. Project activities will include poetry, painting, drawing, and photography of our natural environments. Participants will engage in STEAM activities and benefit from making connections to nature while documenting memories through integrated arts, environmental science, and outdoor play.

31 - The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

3550 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 702

Miami, Florida 33137

PIANO SLAM 2024

Grant funds will be used to support *PIANO SLAM 2024* for 7,000 students, ages 12-18, taking place October 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024 at various Miami-Dade County Title I schools. Project activities will include in-school live music, poetry writing workshops, a poetry competition and teacher professional development. Participants will engage in music, poetry and creative writing and benefit from language development, creative and scientific exploration using music and science to learn and write about music, art and cultural impact on physical well-being and public health.

32 - The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,634

970 SW 1 Street, Suite 408

Miami, Florida 33130

Opera Adventures

Grant funds will be used to support *Opera Adventures*, an out of school program for 25 students, ages 5-17, from February 7, 2024 through May 18, 2024 at The Opera Atelier studios in Little Havana. Participants will learn and perform opera by engaging in all aspects of an operatic production. Participants will learn to sing, act, take beginner piano or violin lessons, learn elements of musicianship, staging, and other complementary disciplines while developing self-discipline, concentration, and teamwork skills.

Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
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33 - Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,272

14275 SW 73rd Avenue

Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

Cortada Science Art Academy

Grant funds will be used to support the *Cortada Science Art Academy* after school program, for 21 students ages 9-12, taking place October 9, 2023 through November 16, 2023; January 8, 2024 through February 15, 2024; and April 1, 2024 through May 9, 2024 at Pinecrest Gardens in Pinecrest. Project activities will include painting, drawing, ceramics and video production. Participants will engage in socially engaged art activities and benefit from using creativity and leadership to help conserve Florida's ecosystems, defend global biodiversity and advance the work of climate scientists at the Earth's poles.
