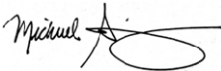


# Memorandum



**Date:** November 19, 2014  
**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council  
**From:** Michael Spring   
**Subject:** FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants for a total of \$167,000.00 from the FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants program panel chaired by Steven Alexander convened on Thursday, October 30, 2014, to review 29 applications requesting \$246,900.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 28 applicants for a total of \$167,000.00.

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  
FY 2014-15 Community Grants (CG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**1. Arca Images, Inc. a/f/a for IMAGINARIA**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

2140 SW 3 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33129  
La Dama Aoi/Lady Aoi  
January 30-31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support the production and presentation of Lady Aoi, a play written by Yukio Mishima. Members of IMAGINARIA and guest artists will perform the play in Spanish with English supertitles. This event will be presented at the Miami Science Museum Theater and is open to the public.

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**2. ArtSpring, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,360.00**

PO Box 343432  
Florida City, Florida 33034  
ArtSpring's Arts Programs for Adult Inmates  
January 1-March 31, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9 & 11\*

Funds are requested to support ArtSpring's weekly arts workshops for women at Homestead Correctional in theater, dance, creative writing, visual arts, poetry, music and performance and to expand the theater workshop for men at Everglades Correctional from monthly to weekly. An estimated 100 inmates will participate in ArtSpring's arts programs. Performances are free to staff, inmates, family, and community guests.

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**3. Branches, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

11500 NW 12 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33168  
2015 MLK Remix!  
January 6 – February 7, 2015

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.

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**4. Brazilian Voices, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,885.00**

1792 Bell Tower Lane  
Weston, Florida 33326  
Brazilian Jazz in the Courtyard  
January 5 – May 29, 2015

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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**5. Center for Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$11,892.00**

4200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137  
18th Annual Miami Jewish Film Festival  
January 15 – 29, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3,4 & 5\*

Funds are requested to support the 18th 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 2015 Festival will expand to 13 days, with over 50 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, Bill Cosford Cinema (UM), Blue Starlite Drive-In, Michael Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, New World Center, Shirley's Theater, Temple Beth Am and Temple Beth Sholom. MJFF is open to the public.

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**6. City of West Miami**

**Recommended Award: \$2,973.00**

901 SW 62 Avenue  
West Miami, Florida 33144  
West Miami Art & Music Festival  
March 14, 2015

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, artist booths and artwork from seniors in the senior center. The festival seeks to showcase the cultural diversity of Miami-Dade County with entrants from around Latin America. The event is free

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**7. Communities In Schools of Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

11965 SW 142 Terrace, Unit 102  
Miami, Florida 33186  
The Whole Village Theater and Arts Program (WVT&A)  
January 5 – 29, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2 & 3\*

Funds are requested to support the Whole Village Theater and Arts Program offered by Communities in Schools of Miami at the NFL Youth Education Town (YET) at Gwen Cherry Park and the Miami Rescue Mission Community Activity Center. Children will participate in daily arts enrichment activities, which will culminate in art exhibits and performances around Black History and Women's History Months, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, and others. The events are free and open to the public and will take place at the NFL YET and the Miami Rescue Mission Community Activity Center.

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**8. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,928.00**

P.O. Box 380358  
Miami, Florida 33138  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR PARADE AND FESTIVITIES  
January 12-19, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support the 2015 Martin Luther King Parade and Festivities. This year's parade will include a nondenominational, nonsectarian spiritual breakfast at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium, an Oratorical Essay Contest featuring Miami-Dade County Public School students, an awards and scholarship banquet and the traditional parade through Liberty City/Brownsville on MLK Boulevard.

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**9. Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival Organization, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,928.00**

107 NE 22 Street  
Miami, Florida 33137  
Virginia Key GrassRoots Festival of Music, Art & Dance  
February 19-22, 2015

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, live art, dance workshops, yoga, and beach camping. The festival is open to the general public.

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**10. Haitian American Youth Organization, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$1,983.00**

10840 SW 121 Street  
Miami, Florida 33176  
Fete Culturelle Creole/ Youth Discovery and Intercultural Show  
*January 1 - March 21, 2015*

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11\*

Funds are requested to support the celebration of the 16th Annual Fete Culturelle Creole, an event that celebrates Haitian culture by showcasing the talents of Haitian youth through singing, poetry, and folkloric dances. The event will take place at the Florida International University's (FIU) Ballroom.

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**11. Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre a/f/a for IlluminArts, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,964.00**

723 14 Place, #15  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
IlluminArts at the Bakehouse Art Complex  
*February 14 - May 9, 2015*

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support Art Song and Vocal Chamber Music, two music presentations at the Bakehouse Art Complex to reflect the work of the visual artists being displayed in the gallery at the Bakehouse. These events are open to the public.

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**12. HISPANIC FLAMENCO BALLETS ENSEMBLE, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,549.00**

835 North Shore Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida 33141  
Hispanic Flamenco Ballet  
*February 5 – 7, 2015*

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 8\*

Funds are requested to support Hispanic Flamenco Ballet's two cultural education program services at the Jackie Gleason Theater and at the City of Miami Beach North Shore Bandshell. The performances showcase a variety of traditional Latin American and Spanish dance and music productions, with a goal to offer economically disadvantaged Miami-Dade County students free admission to the same at the Fillmore. The performance at the North Shore Bandshell is free and open to the public.

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**13. Kiwanis Club of Little Havana, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$2,775.00**

1400 SW 1 Street  
Miami, Florida 33135  
Calle Ocho Festival 2014  
March 15, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7 \*

Funds are requested to support the 38<sup>th</sup> edition of the Calle Ocho Festival, a Hispanic music festival featuring international foods, children's activities, musical groups presenting Bachata, Vallenato, Salsa, Latin Rock, Reguetton and Hip-Hop, among other music genres. This event is free and open to the public.

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**14. LIFE IS ART, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

1334 Euclid Avenue, #10  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
River of Art  
February 17- July 21, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3 & 5\*

Funds are requested to support River of Art, a series of monthly exhibits that foster South Florida's visual arts community. Life Is Art's exhibits seek to attract activists, innovators, entrepreneurs and artists. The partnering venues include Cuba Ocho Art & Research Center, Jackson Soul Food and Cliff's. These events are open to the public.

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**15. Living Arts Trust, Inc d/b/a O Cinema a/f/a for BISTOURY, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,549.00**

44 NE 52 Street  
Miami, Florida 33137  
TRIBE  
January 1 – March 29, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5\*

Funds are requested to present Bistoury's premiere of TRIBE, a dance and theater performance examining the spectrum of stories of homelessness through imagery and physicality. TRIBE will be presented at Miami-Dade County Auditorium On.Stage Black Box Theater and is open to the public.

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**16. Miami Dance Futures, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

8901 SW 79 Court  
Miami, Florida 33156  
National Water Dance  
January 1-24, 2015

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

Funds are requested to support a site-specific performance in North Miami Beach as an extension of National Water Dance. This event seeks to inform the public of the significance of water conservation and generate interest in creating art for social change. National Water Dance events involve professional dancers, as well as professional musicians and students from Miami Dade College and New World School of the Arts. This event will take place at Miami Dade College, both Kendall and Wolfson Campuses and in North Miami Beach behind the North Beach Bandshell.

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**17. Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for GodoyPradera Projects**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

442 NW 46 Street  
Miami, Florida 33127  
Mi Casa Su Casa  
January 15 - March 28, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to present Mi Casa Su Casa, a multi-disciplinary, artist-driven performance and exhibit by GodoyPradera Projects. A series of workshops and residencies at Inkub8 will precede the performance. This event will take place at The Light Box and is open to the public.

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**18. Musicall, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,549.00**

9225 SW 8 Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33174  
Growing Musical Lives  
March 25 - 28, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13\*

Funds are requested to support Growing Musical 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 the Estrella de Belen Church and is open to the public.

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**19. NE 2ND Avenue Partnership, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,964.00**

181 NE 82 Street, Suite 100  
Miami, Florida 33138  
Poetic Lakay  
January 30 – March 27, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support NE2P's monthly Poetic Lakay (PL) events which showcase poetic, musical, and dance performances from local artists. PL highlights Little Haiti as a cultural centerpiece in Miami and brings together a collective group of artists and local residents. These free events will take place at the Caribbean MarketPlace and are open to the public.

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**20. PAXy Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

20 Alhambra Circle, Apt. 5  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
Imagination, the Total Freedom of Man  
January 1 – March 26, 2015

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

Funds are requested to support *Imagination, the Total Freedom of Man*, a series of four free multi-disciplinary performances. In addition to showcasing the work of visual artists and musicians, these events will present outdoor screenings of three critically acclaimed movies. These events will take place at the Creative Warehouse, SoundScape Wall at the New World Center and Midtown Park.

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**21. Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,928.00**

6401 SW 87 Avenue, # 204  
Miami, Florida 33173  
South Miami Rotary Art Festival  
January 1 – February 22, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support the 32nd 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 February 21-22, 2015. This event takes place on Sunset Drive between Red Road and US#1.

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**22. Shakespeare in the Park Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,928.00**

2701 South Bayshore Drive, Suite 605  
Miami, Florida 33133  
The Tempest - Shakespeare in the Park  
January 2 – February 06, 2015

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

Funds are requested to support a production of William Shakespeare's The Tempest. Said to be his personal commentary on life, acting, love, forgiveness and his own impending death, the production will feature 17<sup>th</sup> century costumes and giant apparition puppets. In addition to presenting the play at Shell Lumber Stage and The Barnacle State Park, Shakespeare in the Park Miami will offer master classes in stage combat at Pinecrest Gardens. These events are free and open to the public

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**23. St. Patricks Day Committee, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,964.00**

P.O. Box 836225  
Miami, Florida 33283  
St. Patrick's Day Festival  
March 7, 2015

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.

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**24. St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community**

**Recommended Award: \$5,549.00**

2401 SW 3 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33129  
St. Sophia Greek Festival of Miami  
February 27 – March 1, 2015

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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**25. The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Indie Film Club Miami**

**Recommended Award: \$7,928.00**

90 NW 29 Street  
Miami, Florida 33127  
Filmgate Interactive  
*January 30 – February 8, 2015*

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

Funds are requested to support Filmgate Interactive 2015, the first Cross-Media and Interactive Film Festival and Conference in the United States. 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, The Light Box, Bass Museum, Wolfsonian Museum and The Betsy Hotel.

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**26. Tradisyon Lakou Lakay, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

10802 NE 4 Avenue  
Miami Shores, Florida 33161  
TLL Spring Fest VI 2014  
*March 23 – 27, 2015*

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support TLL Spring Fest VI, 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.

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**27. United Jewish Generations, Inc**

**Recommended Award: \$5,946.00**

16820 NE 6 Court  
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162  
Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE)  
*January 18, 2015*

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.

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**28. Women’s International Film & Arts Festival, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$11,892.00**

1113 SW 15 Avenue, #3  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312  
The 10th Annual Women's International Film & Arts Festival  
February 28 – March 8, 2015

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

Funds are being requested to support the 10th Annual Women's International Film & Arts Festival. The festival is a unique 5-day cultural event, and will feature more than 50 films in 5 days from around the world – including many Florida and national premieres, visual arts exhibitions, panel discussions, workshops, spoken word events and a celebration of women concert. The event is open to the public and will be held at multiple locations including the Hyatt Regency Conference Center, Miami Beach Cinemateque, James L. Knight Center, Coconut Grove Improv Theater Mayfair Hotel, Cocowalk Theatres and New World Symphony. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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