

Memorandum



Date: December 16, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 25 grants for a total of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the second quarter (January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021), each proposal was evaluated based upon both the quality of the application and the ability to satisfactorily address each of the evaluation criteria, as stated in the program's guidelines. Before releasing grant funds to organizations, the Department will assess the feasibility of the grantees presenting public programs in identified venues and spaces; if necessary, the Department is prepared to exercise appropriate contractual flexibility to include virtual programs and other program delivery strategies, as may be necessary.

The FY 2020-2021 Community Grants program, panel chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina with Councilor Sandra Curbelo serving as vice chair, convened on October 29, 2020 to review 25 applications requesting \$200,000.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 25 applicants for a total of \$175,000.00.

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 2020-2021 Community Grants (CG) – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- A Reflection of Me, Inc

18520 NW 67 Avenue, #166

Miami, FL 33015

Environmental Cues, the New Form of Communication

1/17/2021 - 1/23/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,133

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support an art exhibition and discussion consisting of photographic images of social distancing signs and the feet who trek upon them, curated by photographer and multimedia artist Isiae Zeek Mathias, with a goal of addressing the disparities many face in the community, further amplified by COVID-19.

2- Across Missions, Inc.

8800 SW 149 Street

Palmetto Bay, FL 33176

Deaf Art Miami

3/13/2021 - 3/13/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,133

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9, 13

Funds are requested to support "Deaf Art Miami," an exhibition intended to celebrate and empower Miami-Dade artists facing challenges, inclusive of artists who are deaf, blind, disabled, neurodiverse, and the elderly, through dance, music, visual art and poetry.

3- Avenues of Excellence, Inc.

2842 NW 212 Street

Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Can I Have This Dance?

1/5/2021 - 3/27/2021

Recommended Award: \$4,756

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Can I Have This Dance?," a live musical theater adaptation of local author Rose Hedgemond's children's book, "Father-Daughter Dance: A Night On The Red Carpet," a story about the power of a father's presence and positive influence in a young girl's life, which was cataloged by Miami-Dade Public Library System.

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4- Beaux Arts of the Lowe Art Museum of the University of Miami, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,133

1301 Stanford Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146
Beaux Arts Festival of Art
1/16/2021 - 1/17/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 70th annual "Beaux Arts Festival of Art" and the accompanying student artist showcase, featuring over 200 juried exhibitors and student work, live music and international foods on the grounds of the University of Miami and the Lowe Art Museum.

5- Brazilian Voices, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,133

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, FL 33326
Relaxing Brazilian Jazz
1/5/2021 - 3/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 7

Funds are requested to support "Relaxing Brazilian Jazz," a series of open to the public performances in the outdoor courtyards and chemotherapy infusion units of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Hospital and Baptist Health Hospital, featuring soothing bossa nova arrangements and uplifting samba performances designed to promote musical healing for patients, caregivers and staff. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

6- Coral Gables Community Foundation, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,133
a/f/a Illuminate Coral Gables

220 Alhambra Circle, #320
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Illuminate Coral Gables
1/1/2021 - 2/28/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Illuminate Coral Gables," a light-based outdoor art exhibition presented throughout downtown Coral Gables, curated by Fung Collaboratives and featuring artworks by internationally known and established regional artists.

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7- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$9,511**
12864 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami, FL 33181
MLK Holiday Parade
1/18/2021 - 1/18/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3

Funds are requested to support the nation's oldest and largest MLK holiday parade, beginning in Liberty City and ending at MLK Park, commemorating the civil rights icon's legacy as a means to eliminate poverty, racism, and violence. The parade and accompanying festival spotlights Miami-Dade County's diverse culture and features arts programming and entertainment that honors, promotes and unifies civic pride and engenders commitment to cultural education, growth and development.

8- Encantus Music Inc **Recommended Award: \$7,133**
175 SW 7 Street
Miami, FL 33130
Ancient Arias of the New World
3/6/2021 – 3/6/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Ancient Arias of the New World," a performance of arias and lecture by Venezuelan musicologist, composer and performer Juan Francisco Sans.

9- Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the Miami Beach Urban Studios **Recommended Award: \$5,232**
11200 SW 8 Street, MARC 430
Miami, FL 33199
XXIV New Music Miami ISCM Festival
1/20/2021 - 4/14/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "XXIV New Music Miami ISCM Festival," featuring cutting edge contemporary art music and featuring local and international musicians, Florida International University students and alumni, taking place at the FIU Miami Beach Urban Studios.

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10- Global Arts Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

5400 SW 77 Court, #1J
Miami, FL 33155
Artscape at Collins Park
2/28/2021 - 9/26/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "Artscape" concert series, consisting of four performances representing culturally diverse music forms, open to the public and live-streamed from Collins Park.

11- GroundUP Music Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,413

4707 North Bay Road
Miami Beach, FL 33140
GroundUP Music Festival
2/12/2021 - 2/14/2021

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

Funds are requested to support the 5th annual "GroundUP Music Festival," a three-day musical program curated by Grammy Award winner Michael League, featuring performances, masterclasses, workshops, and other student mentorship programs lead by major local and international musicians.

12- Kaleidoscope MusArt, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

8335 SW 72nd Avenue, #113
Miami, FL 33143
Echoes of Time 2020-2021 - Spring Session
2/20/2021 - 6/26/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Echoes of Time," a series of four concert programs and a call for scores, designed to explore music as a dimension where past, present, and future perpetually coexist.

13- Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation

Recommended Award: \$4,280

P.O. Box 473247
Miami, FL 33247
The Spiritual Heritage
1/24/2021 - 1/24/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "The Spiritual Heritage," a concert and anthology of African and Caribbean American music, designed to celebrate and perpetuate historical preservation, featuring Dr. Nelson Hall conducting the Jubilate Mass Choir.

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14- Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,756

310 SE 1 Street
Miami, FL 33131

Miami Creative: A Decade of Transformation

1/20/2021 - 4/24/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the creation and installation "Miami Creative: A Decade of Transformation," highlighting the transformation of the arts in Miami-Dade County and its relationship to architecture over the past decade.

15- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, FL 33156

Miami Dance Futures' Annual Concert

1/4/2021 - 3/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the production of Miami Dance Futures' annual presentation, featuring the Miami premiere of "No Strings," choreographed by Dr. Daniel Lewis, along with a two-week master class series.

16- Miami Dance Hub, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

6017 SW 16 Street
Miami, FL 33155

Dance in the Now: A Physical and Virtual Experience

1/1/2021 - 1/28/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Dance in the Now: A Physical and Virtual Experience," an interactive live and virtual dance performance, combining a mixture of ballet, contemporary and physically integrated dance.

17- Miami International Ballet Competition Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Miami International Ballet Celebration

1/24/2021 - 1/24/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the "Miami International Ballet Celebration," a ballet performance featuring professional international artists accompanied by award winners of the Miami International Ballet Competition and local dance groups within the community.

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18- Miami Youth Orchestra Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

2000 NW 89 Place
Doral, FL 33172
Tribute to Broadway
1/12/2021 - 3/29/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Tribute to Broadway," a performance of beloved melodies from the rich history of Broadway tunes, featuring student performers from across the community.

**19- PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.
a/f/a Spoken Soul Festival**

Recommended Award: \$7,133

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, FL 33167
Spoken Soul Festival 2021
3/27/2021 - 3/27/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the 14th edition of "Spoken Soul Showcase," presenting spoken word themed new works intended to ignite civic engagement in the community to create change.

20- Pinecrest City Music Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

6370 SW 87 Terrace
Pinecrest, FL 33156
South Dade Schools Arts Fest
3/6/2021 – 3/6/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the "South Dade Schools Arts Fest," in celebration of National Arts in Our Schools Month, featuring a musical parade led by local public school marching bands and a family festival celebrating the importance of the arts programs in our community schools.

21- Power Access, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

1616 Michigan Avenue, #1
Miami Beach, FL 33139
South Beach Jazz Festival 2021
1/8/2021 – 1/10/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 5

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual "South Beach Jazz Festival," featuring local and national musical artists, many of whom have various disabilities, and is designed to enable musicians to be recognized for their abilities and not their disabilities.

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22- Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

4000 Towerside Terrace, #908
North Miami, FL 33138
RK Cultural Productions 2021 Concert Series
1/9/2021 - 3/31/2021

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

Funds are requested to support RK Cultural Productions' 2021 concerts series, featuring three world-renowned ensembles performing classical and early music concerts.

23- RubiMusic Inc

Recommended Award: \$4,280

4915 SW 165 Avenue
Miramar, FL 33027
Just Sing
1/9/2021 – 1/9/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are request to support "Just Sing," an interactive family concert featuring local talented children and teen musicians, singers and dancers, supported by professional artists on stage. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

24- St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$9,511

P.O. Box 836225
Miami, FL 33283
St. Patrick's Day Festival
3/13/2021 - 3/13/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual "St. Patrick's Day Festival," showcasing Irish culture and heritage with musicians playing traditional Irish and folk music, Irish dancers, and a marching pipe and drum band.

25- The Junior League of Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,133

713 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
HERStory Festival
1/1/2021 - 3/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the inaugural "HERStory Festival," launched in conjunction with Women's History Month, featuring a film series of artistically curated documentaries by noted filmmakers, focused on the role of women in South Florida, along with a series of community conversations.

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