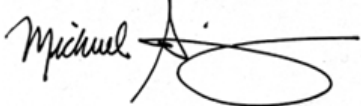


# Memorandum



**Date:** March 21, 2018  
**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council  
**From:** Michael Spring   
**Subject:** FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 26 grants for a total of \$155,000.00 from the FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2017-2018 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on March 14, 2018 to review 27 applications requesting \$222,000.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 26 applicants for a total of \$155,000.00.

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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**1 Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company a/f/a for Shakespeare Troupe**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

1560 South Dixie Highway, Suite 103  
Coral Gables, Florida 33146  
*King Lear Abridged*  
04/02/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11

Funds are requested to support 2 mainstage performances, 10 educational workshops and 4 outreach performances at adult behavioral facilities. Performances feature texts from First Folio as originally practiced by Shakespeare's company. Educational workshops will train actors in First Folio and outreach shows are designed for audiences in rehabilitation. Activities will take place at GableStage, Area Stage Company, Camillus House, Miami Rescue Mission, Better Way of Miami, The Village South and Florida International University. This event is free and open to the public.

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**2 Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

14963 SW 75 Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33193  
*Paper Tales*  
05/19/2018 - 06/02/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 9

Funds are requested to support "Paper Tales", a performative project that rescues stories and ancient narrative forms, aimed at the whole family, but especially children. The project includes a theatrical show with puppets and live music, stories performed with the Japanese technique of the "Kamishibai", songs, and paper mask workshops. Activities will take place at Artefactus Theater and Books & Books. This event is open to the public.

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**3 Atma Yoga Dance Company, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

900 Bay Drive, #107  
Miami Beach, Florida 33141  
*Reaching Out and Performing*  
04/02/2018 - 06/22/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4, 5, 7

Funds are requested to support Atma Yoga Dance's collaborative outreach project. A series of 16 workshops and 3 performances will be held at Gang Alternative Program, Girl Power Rocks, Boys and Girls Club, and North Beach, South Pointe, and Fienberg Fisher Schools. Public performances will be held at Collins Park, Lummus Park and Little Haiti Cultural Center. Workshop participants will learn dance and yoga techniques. Director Colleen Farnum

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and Atma dancers will lead workshops/performances. The performances are open to the public.

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**4 Brazilian Voices, Inc.**

1792 Bell Tower Lane,  
Weston, Florida 33326

*Brazilian Voices - From Brazil to the World*

04/02/2018 - 05/31/2018

**Recommended Award: \$4,831**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support Brazilian Voices Cultural & Educational program called "From Brazil to the World", to be presented at Miami Beach Senior High School. Two different shows, one especially tailored for students and the other open and free for the general public, will combine singers, dancers, musicians and acrobats in live performance with artistic media projection to explore Brazil's multicultural society through music, including current developments in ecology. *All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

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**5 CACEC, Inc.**

11311 SW 154 Street  
Miami, Florida 33157

*CACEC Traditional Mother's Day Celebration*

04/01/2018 - 05/05/2018

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support CACEC's annual performance event, which celebrates mothers through music, dance, and poetry, as the center of family and cultural heritage. The performance will take place at the McCarthy Theater on the campus of Miami-Dade College-Kendall Campus.

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**6 Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis, CORP.**

1051 SW 73 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33144

*4th Bolivian Carnival*

04/28/2018 - 04/28/2018

**Recommended Award: \$6,844**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support the Fourth Bolivian Carnival Miami USA - Parade, which supports the Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis' commitment to preserve cultural practices and heritage, and improve the quality of community life. The parade will be presented at the City of Sweetwater and will include groups of dancers from the famous Carnival of Oruro-Bolivia, Patrimony of Humanity under a Proclamation by UNESCO in 2001. This event is free event and open to the public.

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**7 Collaborative Development Corporation**

**Recommended Award: \$4,026**

3628 Grand Avenue,  
Miami, Florida 33133  
*Miami Goombay 2018*  
05/27/2018 - 05/27/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the Miami Goombay Festival 2018, a free one-day event that brings back the traditional Miami Goombay celebration of the Coconut Grove Village West community's rich Bahamian heritage through music, food, costumes, dance and art. This event is open to the public.

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**8 Exchange for Change, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

2103 Coral Way, 2nd Floor  
Miami, Florida 33145  
*Connecting Sentences*  
04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 7

Funds are requested to support the Connecting Sentences Exhibit, which will be open to the public at the Main Library of the Miami-Dade Public Library System, and at the University of Miami as well. Funds are also requested to help cover the teaching of 25 classes in which students will generate the exhibit material. The exhibit will assemble writings from prison programs in South Florida facilitated by Exchange for Change.

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**9 FUNDarte, Inc. a/f/a for Siren Arts**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

7455 Collins Avenue, #201  
Miami Beach, Florida 33141  
*"Dear Climate" Creative Writing Workshop, Climate Arts Panel, Readings and Bike-Dance-Swim Triathlon*  
04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support three immersive days of activities at Miami Beach Botanical Gardens and adjacent shoreline green spaces (bike path and beach) to generate and celebrate local ecology and climate arts to creatively imagine sustainable futures for South Florida. Activities include a "Dear Climate" creative writing workshop, a Soul-Proof SoFla panel of artists, activists and scientists, a bike-dance-swim excursion, and dramatic readings about life in Anthropocene Florida. This event is open to the public.

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**10 I Want to be a Dancer Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

2329 Coral Way,  
Miami, Florida 33145  
*Gwendolyn Goes to Hollywood*  
04/02/2018 - 06/07/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 6, 10

Funds are requested to support three presentations of the dance production "Gwendolyn Goes To Hollywood" at Charles R. Hadley Elementary, EWF Stirrup Elementary and at Creativo Dance Studio. The production is based on the book written by David Ira Rottenberg that cultivates in children the value of friendship, commitment to dance and perseverance. For the production, 50 students will be cast and trained for 8 weeks from the two schools in the underserved areas of Sweetwater and Fountain Blue.

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**11 IlluminArts, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

P.O. Box 45-1704, #22  
Miami, Florida 0  
IlluminArts presents: A Female Force: A music performance event inspired by the works of celebrated Cuban American artist Ana Mendieta  
04/22/2018 - 04/26/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the performer fees for an IlluminArts performance at the Carlos and Rosa de la Cruz Collection. This performance is inspired by the work of Cuban Artist Ana Mendieta and is titled "A Female Force". An all female cast will include 3 singers, 1 pianist, 1 cellist, 1 harpist, and 1 percussionist. The performance will be staged by Alison Moritz with a program comprised of music all by women composers. This event is open to the public.

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**12 Little Revolt, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,429**

7950 NW 53 Street, Suite 337  
Miami, Florida 33166  
*Community Theater, Art and Shakespeare in Miami Springs*  
04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support theater and art programming in Miami Springs. Event venues include Miami Springs Senior Center, Rebecca Sosa Theater and The Curtiss Mansion, all located in Miami Springs. Performers include Miami Springs seniors citizens, adults and middle school students and workshop instructors include Samuel Chesser and Julianna Aris. This event is to the public.

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**13 Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$12,077**

1130 Washington Avenue, First Floor  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
*Miami Beach Gay Pride 2018*  
04/02/2018 - 04/08/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 10th Annual Miami Beach Gay Pride Parade and Festival that brings together Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-gender, Queer and Questioning members of the community as well as allies and supporters to celebrate in Lummus Park, Miami Beach. The festival and parade promote dance, art and fashion, enhancing our community, while celebrating our diversity through entertainment.

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**14 Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

255 Alhambra Circle, Penthouse  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
*Mainly Mozart Festival*  
05/06/2018 - 06/24/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 6 7

Funds are requested to support the 25th edition of the Mainly Mozart Festival. This year's edition will feature 7 adult programs and 2 specifically designed for children, held on consecutive Sundays from May 13 to June 24, 2018. Concerts will take place at the Biltmore Hotel and the Adrienne Arsht Center and include performances by world-renowned visiting and local performers. This event is open to the public.

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**15 Miami International Jazz Fest, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

1998 NE 180 Street,  
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162  
*2018 Miami International Jazz Fest*  
04/26/2018 - 04/28/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 11

Funds are requested to support the 5th annual Miami International Jazz Fest taking place at Ocho Live Night Club, FIU Wertheim Concert Hall and Miami-Dade College-Wolfson Campus in celebration of International Jazz Day. The artist lineup includes Linda Briceño, Yvette Norwood, Louis Bofill, and others. This event is open to the public.

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**16 Miami River Fund, Inc.**

1407 NW 7 Street, Suite D

Miami, Florida 33125

*Free 22nd Annual Miami Riverday*

04/07/2018 - 04/07/2018

**Recommended Award: \$8,052**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 22nd Annual Miami Riverday, an event celebrating the history and culture of the Miami River. The festival includes live music from local bands, educational riverboat tours, historical re-enactments portraying life along the old Miami River, historic tours of the Lummus Park Historic District, environmental education workshops and activities for children. This event is free and open to the public.

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**17 Mundo Art, Inc.**

425 NE 75 Street, Apt 4

Miami, Florida 33138

*Capoeira Festival Vadiando Embaixo dos Coqueirais*

05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Mundo Art's yearly week long Festival dedicated to children and families in the Little Haiti community of Miami. The project includes daily capoeira classes at Little Haiti Soccer Park to children and adults and a culminating Batizado exhibit featuring guest performers and program participants Little Haiti Cultural Center. This event is open to the public.

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**18 National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.**

P O Box 350891,

Miami, Florida 33135

*Naemi Annual Art Exhibition*

04/02/2018 - 06/29/2018

**Recommended Award: \$4,026**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support NAEMI's Annual Art Exhibition, which includes a selection of art works created by 12 artists recovering from mental illnesses from 5 different countries. The exhibition will take place at Border's Gallery (Little Havana) and is free and open to the public.

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**19 NWD Projects, Inc.**

6820 SW 65 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33143  
*National Water Dance 2018*  
05/14/2018 - 05/14/2018

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the Miami-Dade portion of National Water Dance 2018, a site-specific dance event occurring at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center on April 14 and simultaneously occurring at sites in 30 other states across the US. Professional dancers and musicians will create this performance along with students from dance programs at Morningside K-8 Academy, South Miami Middle Community School and Conchita Espinoza Academy. *National Water Dance 2018* calls attention to the beauty of our natural environment and our responsibility to protect it. This event is open to the public.

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**20 Sosyete Koukouy of Miami, Inc.**

5921 NE 2 Avenue,  
Miami, Florida 33137  
*Little Haiti Book Festival*  
05/05/2018 - 05/06/2018

**Recommended Award: \$4,026**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Little Haiti Book Festival, a two-day event celebrating Haiti's literary culture. In addition to promoting reading and literature through diverse programs for adults and children, the festival features authors and multidisciplinary artists from Haiti and the Haitian Diaspora, such as storytellers, musicians and dancers. This event will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex and is open to the public.

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**21 The Girls' Club Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Wild Beast Collective**

401 E Las Olas Blvd, Suite 2200  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
*Searching for Arctic Winter*  
04/01/2018 - 06/03/2018

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the production of "Searching for Arctic Winter" at the On.Stage Black.Box at Miami-Dade County Auditorium. This performance will incorporate literal and abstract references to winter, snow, and the arctic wilderness. Oral histories, legends, and stories of the Arctic are folded into the theater as performers interpret the season. The project also includes an experimental short film and a teaching residency at Citrus Grove Middle School. This event is open to the public. *All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

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**22 The Miami Foundation a/f/a for PageSlayers**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

40 NW 3 Street, 305  
Miami, Florida 33128  
*PageSlayers Summer Camp*  
06/18/2018 - 07/27/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support PageSlayers' creative writing summer camp, which consists of workshops led by professional writers-of-color and visiting artists at The Thrive Innovation Center; the creation and distribution of the 2018 PageSlayers Zine, including an original piece of writing by every camper. The End-of-Summer Showcase will take place at The ARC in Opa-Locka. This event is free and open to the public.

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**23 The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,039**

3550 NW 42 Street,  
Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33309  
*Oratorio Season 2017-2018*  
04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3

Funds are requested to support the organization's effort to bring high level of classical music to the inner city community and to attract and assist young singers to a higher level of classical and cultural music, as well as encourage interested participants to further enhance their musical talents in the arts. Activities will take place at Sierra Norwood Calvary Baptist Church and Holy Family Episcopal Church. This event is open to the public.

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**24 TL Tango Lovers Organization, Inc. d/b/a  
Global Arts Organization**

**Recommended Award: \$4,026**

5241 SW 154 Place,  
Miami, Florida 33185  
*I AM TANGO by TANGO LOVERS*  
04/21/2018 - 04/22/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support "I AM TANGO", a production that recreates the evolution of tango. Performances will take place at South-Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center and will be open to the public.

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**25 University of Miami, Frost School of Music**

**Recommended Award: \$8,052**

P.O. Box 405803,  
Atlanta, Georgia 0  
*Frost Music Live!*  
04/03/2018 - 04/20/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support Frost Music Live!, a high quality music program that reflects the unique culture and varied tastes of Miami. The concerts will take place at UM Gusman Concert Hall and will be open to the public.

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**26 Waving Hands, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,026**

P.O. Box 440996,  
Miami, Florida 33144  
*Florida Deaf Art Show 2018*  
04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Waving Hands' Florida Deaf Art Show, featuring 35 deaf artists at Miami Light Project in Wynwood. This event will showcase Deaf artists's work and raise awareness of the diverse expressions of creativity through painting, sculpture, crafting, and other media. Sign language interpreters will support this fully accessible event, which will be open to the public.

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