

# Memorandum



**Date:** March 20, 2019

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring 

**Subject:** FY 2018-2019 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 23 grants for a total of \$140,000.00 from the FY 2018-2019 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2018-2019 Community Grants program panel chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on February 21, 2019 to review 24 applications requesting \$192,500.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 23 applicants for a total of \$140,000.00.

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 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**1- Ancient Spanish Monastery Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,682**

16711 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami Beach, FL 33160  
*Music at the Monastery*  
4/1/2019 - 6/15/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support two holiday performances designed to promote multi-ethnic community-based cultural, educational, and musical outreach at the historic Ancient Spanish Monastery. The performances include "Celebrating Easter at the Monastery," an evening of choral music by the Ambassador Traveling Choir of Florida Memorial University Choir, and "Celebrating Memorial Day at the Monastery," featuring a concert of patriotic music and a presentation of the flag by Michael Kropp High School ROTC cadets.

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**2- Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,215**

14963 SW 75 Terrace  
Miami, FL 33193  
*The Cat's Family*  
6/15/2019 - 6/30/2019

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

Funds are requested to support "The Cat's Family," an artistic-educational project for the whole family, which consists of six performances of a play entitled "The Cat of Three Colors" and an educational component for children, featuring a paper mask construction workshop after each performance. The performances and workshops are taking place at the Artefactus Black Box, Gallery "Imago Art in Action," and Books & Books.

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**3- CACEC, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,682**

11311 SW 154 Street  
Miami, FL 33157  
*CACEC Traditional Mother's Day Celebration*  
5/4/2019 - 5/4/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support CACEC's 21st annual Mother's Day performance, which celebrates mothers through music, dance, and poetry, as the center of family and cultural heritage, performed in four different languages: English, Spanish, French and Creole. The event is taking place at Miami-Dade College's Kendall Campus.

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**4- Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis, Corp.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

1051 SW 73 Avenue

Miami, FL 33144

*Bolivian Carnival-International Parade*

4/27/2019 - 4/27/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual “Bolivian Carnival-International Parade,” modeled after the Carnival of Oruro, featuring 48 groups of folk dancers performing 18 different folk dances, with traditional Bolivian music and artistically designed costumes. The event takes place at Tropical Park.

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**5- Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

13072 SW 108 Street Circle

Miami, FL 33186

*Compositum Musical Novae Season VI*

4/12/2019 - 6/16/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support a series of five events at the Coral Gables Museum, including a multi-disciplinary concert, a contemporary dance collaboration with Dance Now! Miami, a poetry collaboration with O Miami Poetry Festival, a harpsichord performance, and a three-day gallery event, featuring South Florida artists and a painting workshop for children.

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**6- Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Art for Us, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

10 SW South River Drive, Unit 1904

Miami, FL 33130

*“With Certain Women/ Con Ciertas Mujeres”*

5/5/2019 - 6/23/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the fifth season of “With Certain Women/ Con Ciertas Mujeres,” a series of two concerts dedicated to classical, traditional music and Hispanic feminine poetry, featuring local musicians, actors and dancers. The concerts take place at the Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

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**7- Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a Siren Arts**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

7455 Collins Avenue, #201

Miami Beach, FL 33141

*Truth or Consequences: A Mermaid Bio-Diversity Game Show*

4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

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

Funds are requested to present a new eco-performance entitled, "Truth or Consequences: A Mermaid Bio-Diversity Game Show," an original, interactive theatrical work performed mainly in public spaces. The work is a cultural intervention, engaging the arts with other disciplines in the natural and social sciences, to create evocative, emotionally stimulating and scientifically supported works that speak to climate change solutions. The performances take place at the University of Miami's Abess Center, on Ocean Terrace in Miami Beach and Legion Park.

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**8- I Want to Be a Dancer Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

2329 Coral Way

Miami, FL 33145

*Golden Dancers*

4/1/2019 - 6/29/2019

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

Funds are requested to support two performances, "Our Second Youth" and "Golden Generation Project," both featuring dancers between the ages of 55 and 75 years old, with prior professional dance experience. The purpose of this project is to bridge the age gap in the dance community, nurture health, keep minds and bodies active, and inspire older people to engage in the arts. The performances take place at the Creative Dance Studio and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School Auditorium.

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**9- IKT Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

929 Meridian Avenue, #2

Miami Beach, FL 33139

*IKT Miami Congress & Symposium*

4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

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

Funds are requested to support hosting the 2019 IKT Art Miami Congress in partnership with the International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art, exploring issues of resilience and sustainability through the lens of cultural production in South Florida and the Caribbean. The conference, which draws over 700 largely European curators to the community and takes place in multiple cultural venues around Miami-Dade County and will also feature community events, performances and art activations.

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**10- Indie Pasion Arts & Festivals, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$ 937**

2050 Coral Way, Suite 201  
Miami, FL 33145

*Indie Pasion Iberoamerican Film Festival 2019*

4/1/2019 - 5/11/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to present the third Indie Pasion Iberoamerican Film Festival, designed to showcase the most recent contributions of Ibero-American independent filmmakers to the local film ecosystem. Activities, which takes place at Silverspot Cinema, include films, galas and a workshop series, including "Habla Miami," a collection of short films from Miami-based independent film professionals.

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**11- Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema a/f/a Arlin**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

11107 NE 9 Avenue  
Biscayne Park, FL 33161

*Feel My Voice*

4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to present "Feel My Voice," a program consisting of a community concert, two master classes and a panel discussion, led by Arlin Alvarez, on the creation and impact of music on the sensorial, emotional and cultural landscape, from the point of view and voices of Latin women. The program is held at Miami Dade College's Koubek Center.

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**12- Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$2,342**

150 Alton Road, #401  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

*Spanish Romance Concert*

6/9/2019 - 6/9/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Spanish Romance Concert," a fusion of traditional Spanish arts such as flamenco, classical Spanish ballet, Zarzuela and opera to produce an immersion in traditional Spanish culture. The project takes place at the Manuel Airtime Theater.

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

**Recommended Award: \$14,047**

1130 Washington Avenue, First Floor North  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
*Miami Beach Pride*  
4/5/2019 - 4/7/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 11th annual Miami Beach Pride (MBP), featuring a Pride Parade with over 90 entries, two main stages featuring 70 musical performing artists, and a festival village, taking place in Miami Beach's Lummus Park. This is the culmination of a week's worth of MBP festivities, taking place throughout the community.

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

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

255 Alhambra Circle, PH  
Coral Gables, FL 33176  
*Mainly Mozart Festival*  
5/12/2019 - 6/23/2019

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

Funds are requested to support the 26th edition of the "Mainly Mozart Festival," featuring seven adult programs, a lecture series and two children's concerts of classical music, performed by world-renowned visiting and local performers. The performances take place at the University of Miami Kislak Center with a season finale at the Adrienne Arsht Center.

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**15- Miami River Fund, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

1407 NW 7 Street, Suite 2  
Miami, FL 33125  
*Miami Riverday*  
4/6/2019 - 4/6/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 23rd annual Miami Riverday, a festival which engages the community on the importance of the Miami River's heritage and sustainability, by providing live music from local artists, riverboat tours, historic re-enactments, environmental education, marine exhibits, children activities and local cuisine. The activities take place at Lumus Park and along the riverfront.

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**16- Mud Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Digitech & Arts Edu, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,279**

615 NE 22 Street  
Miami, FL 33137  
*artXRperience*  
6/6/2019 - 6/8/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support artXRperience, a gathering for South Florida artists working in emerging technologies, including Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (MR). The program, including an immersive 360 Virtual Theater, the Art Xperience Gallery allowing for interactive art experiences, and a two-day VR 360 Filmmaking Workshop, featuring artists who work in the field, takes place at Magic City Studios.

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**17- Mundo Art, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,619**

425 NE 75 Street, Apt 4  
Miami, FL 33138  
*Festival de Maculelê for Criança de Ouro*  
5/20/2019 - 5/23/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the annual "Festival de Maculelê for Criança de Ouro," the culmination of a week-long program teaching children the historic Afro-Brazilian warrior dance of Maculelê, inclusive of warrior outfits and makeup, singing and drumming, dance and choreography. Attendees and instructors will perform the "Festival of Maculelê," honoring the titular hero who saved his tribe, for the entire community. The classes and culminating performance take place at the Little Haiti Soccer Park.

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**18- NAMI Miami-Dade County, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

299 Alhambra Circle, Suite 224  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
*Reel Minds: Miami Mental Health Film Festival*  
5/19/2019 - 5/19/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support Reel Minds: Miami Mental Health Film Festival, a program of curated short films from local and international filmmakers designed to educate, eliminate stigma and advance the conversation regarding mental health issues in Miami-Dade County. The event is held at the University of Miami's Donna Shalala Ballroom.

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**19- National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,747**

P O Box 350891  
Miami, FL 33135  
*NAEMI 30 Years Outsider Art Exhibition.*  
5/4/2019 - 5/31/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support a month-long exhibition showcasing the work of cutting edge, outsider artists from Cuba, Spain, Chile, Paraguay and the United States, all living with mental illnesses. The program is designed to shed a positive light on a human disability, reduce the social stigma associated with mental illnesses, empower a marginalized voice in our community and aid them towards self-sustainability, aid in the recovery and relapse prevention of mental illnesses, and enrich the community's cultural awareness. The exhibition takes place at the Borders Gallery.

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**20- NWD Projects, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

6820 SW 65 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33143  
*Everglades Imprint*  
4/1/2019 - 5/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 8

Funds are requested to support NWD Projects in presenting immersive performances and workshops at History Miami Museum and the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, using dance, music and video to create an impressionistic depiction of the Everglades.

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**21- The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, Inc. d/b/a Holy Family  
Episcopal Church**

**Recommended Award: \$5,619**

18501 NW 7 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169  
*Songs and Dances of the Maroons in Jamaica*  
6/1/2019 - 6/1/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support the production of the "Songs and Dances of the Maroons in Jamaica," a musical that illustrates the history and origins of the Maroons community in Jamaica, recreating the initial interaction between the Spanish and the Tiano. The event is performed at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family auditorium.

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**22- The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$7,023**

3550 NW 42 Street  
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33309  
*Oratorio Season 2018-2019*  
4/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support Miami Oratorio Society bringing high quality productions of classical music to the inner city. The program will feature two performances, including Handel's Messiah as part of an Easter concert at the Sierra Norwood Calvary Baptist Church and a Variety Concert at the Prince of Peace Moravian Church. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**23- The Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,555**

10777 W. Sample Road, Suite 1105  
Coral Springs, FL 33065  
*YI Presents Yiddishkayt Live*  
4/1/2019 - 5/20/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the presentation of Yiddishkayt Live, a two-day multidisciplinary performing arts mini-festival, celebrating Jewish and Yiddish culture, identity, and community, centered around a reimagining of "Fiddler On The Roof." The performances take place at The Betsy in Miami Beach. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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