

Memorandum



Date: May 15, 2019

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 18 grants for a total of \$129,500.00 from the FY 2018-2019 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2018-2019 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on April 25, 2019 to review 19 applications requesting \$144,500.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$129,500.00.

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) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

- 1- Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Jazz Education Community Coalition** **Recommended Award: \$7,500**

2921 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33145

Groovin' On a Sunday Afternoon: JECC and Friends at Pinecrest Gardens
9/22/2019 - 9/22/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the third annual "Groovin' On a Sunday Afternoon" mini-festival of the Jazz Educators Community Coalition, an artistic network of students interested in jazz, along with other community-based music organizations, at Pinecrest Gardens. Students learn, rehearse, and perform alongside established jazz musicians and educators.

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- 2- Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$7,500**

3100 NW 72 Avenue, Suite #127
Miami, FL 33122

ArtTalks Theatre Lab
8/2/2019 - 9/28/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support ArtTalks Theater Lab, a series of performance workshops and presentations at the Adriana Barraza Acting Studio, designed to empower young actors primarily of Hispanic descent to create their own stories, providing them with the tools to develop and manage their own projects. ArtTalks culminates with a series of showcases for actors from the workshops.

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- 3- Culture and Community Association, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$7,500**

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World
7/7/2019 - 9/28/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 6, 7, 11

Funds are requested to present a series of musical and dramatic performances, six at area senior centers and three at the University of Miami Saint Bede Chapel and Felix Varela High School Auditorium which are open to the public. The goal of the performances, including "Guitar Passion," "The Song, from Purcell to the 21st Century," and "Women and Society," is reconnecting older generations with the arts by presenting musical performances and stories about traditions and cultural elements from countries around the world.

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4- Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2741 SW 30 Avenue
Miami, FL 33133
Equus and DDTM Ballet Series
7/2/2019 - 9/27/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to perform a series of world premiere and classical ballet performances at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. The featured performance is "Equus," choreographed by Ariel Rose with music from Philip Glass, featuring sixteen dancers inspired by the movement and nature of horses. The other performance is local choreographer Yanis Pikieris' ballet to Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" and the traditional ballet pas de deux, "Lady of the Camellias."

5- Facundo Rivero Performing Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,000

1400 NW 19 Street, #507
Miami, FL 33125
Afro-Cuban Nights
7/30/2019 - 9/15/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support a collection of two public performances showcasing the artistic tradition, folklore and cultural values of the Afro-Cuban community at Casa Kni, including "The Wedding of the Tumba and the Bongo" and "Orisha Nights." The performances use choreography, costumes and percussion to demonstrate the foundations of the Yoruba and Orisha cultures.

6- Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

18441 NW 2 Avenue, Suites 106-108
Miami Gardens, FL 33169
Recovery in the Arts
7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019

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

Funds are requested to support the "Recovery In the Arts" project that helps individuals with mental health and substance abuse challenges through photography and painting workshops, culminating in a Recovery Month Exhibition at the Rohde Buidling.

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7- Little Revolt, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

7950 NW 53 Street, Suite 337

Miami, FL 33166

Midsummer Shakes Fest for Families

7/1/2019 - 7/21/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the third annual Midsummer Shakes Fest for Families, designed to make Shakespeare, literature, and theater accessible to all ages via workshops for seniors at the Miami Springs Senior Center and workshops for students at the All Angels Academy, culminating in a public performance by the participants at the historic Curtiss Mansion. The entire program includes Shakespeare-themed art activities, live performances by local community actors, old English dance lessons, stage combat lessons, a midsummer fairy garden and scavenger hunt, a costume trunk and storytelling.

8- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Flipside Kings

Recommended Award: \$7,500

404 NW 26 Street

Miami, FL 33127

Flipside Arts and Music Festival (FAMFEST)

8/9/2019 - 8/10/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support FAMFEST, an urban arts festival featuring local artists, dancers and musicians of international renown in a series of discussion panels, workshops, performance art showcases, an urban art exposition, an international breakdance competition, and a hip hop concert, designed to support and enhance the urban arts culture in Miami-Dade County. The festival takes place at the Miami Light Project.

9- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a/ Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects

Recommended Award: \$7,500

404 NW 26 Street

Miami, FL 33127

Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects Summer Dance Festival

7/23/2019 - 8/18/2019

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

Funds are requested to support the Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects Summer Dance Festival, providing three distinct professional training opportunities not typically available to the Miami-Dade dance community. Following the intensive dance workshops, participants and local professionals will present a culminating performance at each venue, including The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse, The Jewel Box at YoungArts, and Miami Dade College Live Arts Lab at the Wolfson Campus.

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10- Ruta Teatral, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

1140 101 Street, #201

Bay Harbor Islands, FL 33154

Festival de Teatro de Homestead

7/12/2019 - 9/14/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to present the first "Festival de Teatro de Homestead," a three-day multilingual series of performances featuring award-winning theater and television actors along with artists whose roots are in Homestead. The performances take place at the Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre.

**11- Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, Inc. d/b/a
Friends of the Historic Seminole Theatre**

Recommended Award: \$7,500

25 West Mowry Drive

Homestead, FL 33030

Seminole Theatre Players present "The Little Mermaid"

8/2/2019 - 8/11/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to help support the Seminole Theatre Players' production of "The Little Mermaid," a community production with an all-volunteer team of local artists, production staff, performers, technicians and crew. Taking place at the Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, the performances include free daytime performances for local youth groups and camps.

12- South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6011 NW 68 Street

Parkland, FL 33067

Celestial Stories

7/6/2019 - 8/10/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13

Funds are requested to support a series of three arts integration programs in partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Library System's summer reading program, Universe of Stories. The programs include "Bailando," a dance program featuring music by composers who were also astronomers; "The Ladies of Science," a concert and art workshop honoring the first female astronomer, Hypatia of Alexandria; and "From the Earth to the Moon," featuring a portion of the opera based on the Jules Verne novel followed by a space costume craft workshop. , The activities and performances take place at ten public libraries throughout the community. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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13- The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Laura Randall

Recommended Award: \$7,500

40 NW 3 Street, #305

Miami, FL 33128

Commuter Biennial

7/1/2019 - 9/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 4, 6, 12

Funds are requested to support "Commuter Biennial," a public art exhibition along transit corridors featuring works by eight artists, accompanied by artist talks and workshops, which aim to highlight marginal, yet recognizable, places in the suburban landscape by shifting the experience of contemporary art away from the context of the art museum or urban centers and into the streets themselves. Installations will be located in Blue Lagoon, the Little River Canal, Miami Gardens Drive, along Collins Avenue and in Homestead.

14- Town of Cutler Bay

Recommended Award: \$5,000

10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Suite 105

Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Cutler Bay-Whispering Pines 4th of July Celebration

7/4/2019 - 7/4/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the 52nd annual Cutler Bay-Whispering Pines 4th of July Celebration, the Town's longest running signature community event. The event features live performances by local bands and dance groups, arts and craft stations, an interactive fabric art demonstration and music from a local DJ.

15- Troop of Actors, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

8540 SW 133 Avenue, #322

Miami, FL 33183

Stories on Screen

7/8/2019 - 7/28/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support "Stories on Screen," a theoretical and practical audiovisual communication workshop for children between 7 and 12 years old that highlights genealogical research, monologue presentation and video production of their cultural heritage and family anecdotes, culminating in a final presentation of the works at the Artefactus Theater.

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16- Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

1000 NW 1 Avenue, Suite 100
Miami, FL 33136

Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival
7/16/2019 - 7/19/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 8

Funds are requested to support the fourth annual "Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival," designed to teach video production skills and create a local platform for young filmmakers and inspire young people to create art for social change. The festival, an off-shoot to the organization's year-round Film Arts Culture Entrepreneurship (FACE) employment and training program for teens, takes place both at Miami Dade College's North Campus and Homestead Campus.

17- Village of Palmetto Bay

Recommended Award: \$5,000

9705 East Hibiscus Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Palmetto Bay's Independence Day Celebration
7/4/2019 - 7/4/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the Village's sixth annual Independence Day Celebration of America's 243rd birthday, featuring an arts and crafts fair for area artists, local live bands and a DJ in a celebration of the nation at Palmetto Bay Park.

18- Voices of Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2649 SW 27 Court
Miami, FL 33133

Voices: An Inter-generational Celebration
8/12/2019 - 8/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support an inter-generational concert of students and seniors performing opera and zarzuela in collaboration with the Loyola Children's Choir at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, with an outreach performance at the Sala Santa Cecilia senior center.

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