


Memorandum



Date: May 11, 2018
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 29 grants for a total of \$105,501.00 from the FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2017-2018 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on May 10, 2018 to review 29 applications requesting \$209,685.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 29 applicants for a total of \$105,501.00.

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 2017-18 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

- 1- **Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. d/b/a Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance, Inc. a/f/a for ART IN THE SKY** **Recommended Award: \$4,215**

1245 NW 45 Street
Miami, FL 33142
The Philosopher's Stone
07/22/2018 - 09/23/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3, 5, 7

Funds are requested to support 'The Philosopher's Stone,' an interactive public art installation at Museum Park, Opa-Locka CDC, Miami Dade College (Kendall Campus), The Park (Midtown Miami) and Bayfront Park. The project consists of a large-scale helium sculpture that will engage the public through a multi-sensory experience intended to stimulate imagination, critical thinking and dialogue. This event will be free of charge and open to the public.

- 2- **Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc. a/f/a for La Casa del Teatro, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$4,216**

16120 SW 72 Terrace
Miami, FL 33193
4th LGBTQ Scene International Festival - Miami 2018
(4to. Festival Internacional de la Escena LGBTQ - Miami 2018)
07/21/2018 - 09/22/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the 4th edition of the LGBTQ Scene International Festival - Miami 2018. The Festival is an artistic and multidisciplinary event with themes of gender, sexuality and other topics of sociocultural interest to the LGBTQ population and to the community, that will be held in September, with an artistic and educational program that includes talks, book presentations, films and a theater contest. The festival will take place at Artefactus Theater and will be open to the public.

- 3- **Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Found, Inc. a/f/a for Jazz Educators Community Coalition** **Recommended Award: \$2,248**

2921 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33145
JECC and Friends at Pinecrest Gardens Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon
08/01/2018 - 08/11/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support a Mini Jazz Festival with performances by the Jazz Educator Community Coalition (JECC) and other community-based music organizations at Pinecrest Gardens. This event is open to the public.

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4- City of Miami

Recommended Award: \$1,405

444 SW 2 Avenue, 3rd Floor

Miami, FL 33130

Caribbean Market Day Festival

07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a one-day Caribbean Market Festival event at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. The market day festival will provide residents, visitors and tourists with an opportunity to experience the Caribbean cultures through authentic live music, dancing and drumming performances, food, art and activities. This event is open to the public.

5- Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,215

12283 SW 144 Terrace

Miami, FL 33186

Compositum Musicae Novae Season V

08/03/2018 - 09/29/2018

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

Funds are requested to support the CMN Season V Concert Series. Events include one free concert at the Coral Gables Museum, three free concerts at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center, one free concert at the Miami VA Medical Center, and four CMN Children's Concerts at selected Miami-Dade County schools. Through these free to the public events, CMN will not only promote the works of local artists but also expand public awareness of new art in a fun and accessible environment.

6- Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,529

3100 NW 72 Avenue, Suite 127

Miami, FL 33122

ArtTalks Traveling Theatre Lab

07/05/2018 - 09/28/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support ArtTalks Traveling Theatre Lab, a series of workshops and presentations in Spanish that will empower young Hispanic actors to create their own stories and provide them with the tools to self-manage their own projects so they can find their place in the current market of producers in Miami. Activities will take place at Adriana Barraza Acting Studio and will be open to the public.

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

Recommended Award: \$4,215

10 SW South River Drive, Unit 1904

Miami, FL 33130

With Certain Women/Con Ciertas Mujeres

07/01/2018 - 07/28/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the fourth season of "With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres." This season is composed of three concerts dedicated to present classical and traditional music, as well as Hispanic feminine poetry. The concerts will include the participation of relevant and known musicians, actresses, authors and new local talent. The concerts will take place at Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center and are open to the public.

8- Culture and Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,529

1518 Palermo Avenue

Coral Gables, FL 33134

Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World

07/05/2018 - 09/23/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7, 12

Funds are requested to present Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World, a collection of of 10 multidisciplinary events presented at senior centers Domingique Gardens, Villa Aida, West Dade Adult Day Care, West Miami Community Center, Archbishop Carroll Manor and South Miami Adult Center and public performances will take place at the American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora. The featured events will include dances of Central, South, and Spanish speaking Caribbean. All performances will be open to the general public presentations at the senior centers will be free of charge.

9- Facundo Rivero Performing Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,541

1400 NW 19 Street, Apt 507

Miami, FL 33125

Afro-Cuban Nights

08/10/2018 - 08/11/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support Afro-Cuban Nights 2018, a collection of two performances that showcase the artistic tradition and cultural values of the Afro-Cuban community. The events will take place at the Babalu Kafe in Miami and will be open to the public.

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10- Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

18441 NW 2 Avenue, Suite 106-108

Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Recovery In The Arts

07/11/2018 - 09/25/2018

Recommended Award: \$4,216

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

Funds are requested to support Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.'s innovative Recovery in The Arts Project, a series of free art workshops which provide adults with severe and persistent mental illness a unique healing opportunity to learn, create, and display their artwork at the Recovery Month Exhibit. The project will be held at Fresh Start of Miami Dade, Inc., in Miami Gardens and the Rohde Building in downtown Miami. Participation is free of charge and open to the public.

11- Haitian Neighborhood Center Sant La, Inc.

13390 West Dixie Highway, Suite 110

North Miami, FL 33161

Little Haiti in Pictures

07/30/2018 - 08/26/2018

Recommended Award: \$4,159

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the collection, publication and exhibition of a photo project documenting the unique yet evolving landmarks, people and culture of Miami's Little Haiti community. The photos will be presented in a printed publication and displayed during a month-long exhibit at the iconic Caribbean Marketplace. The exhibit will be free and open to the public and feature an opening reception to present the printed publication and hear from select members of the community.

12- IFE-ILE, Inc.

1336 NW 25 Street

Miami, FL 33142

20th Annual IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival

07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018

Recommended Award: \$4,216

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support IFE-ILE's 20th Annual Afro-Cuban Dance Festival. The festival includes dance workshops, a weeklong summer camp for children, an academic seminar in collaboration with History Miami Museum and closing performance events at Domino Park, Little Havana and the Koubek Center. This event is open to the public.

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13- Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,372

14840 Naranja Lakes Blvd, C2H
Homestead, FL 33032
XXVII Spanish Literary Contest
08/06/2018 - 08/18/2018

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

Funds are requested to support the XXVII Spanish Literary Contest in poetry and short story, open to everyone who enjoys literature in Miami-Dade County. The presentation will feature local poets, as well as visual and performing artists. The literary contest will be judged by a distinguished jury of award-winning poets and a book will be printed with awarded works. This event will be held at the hall El Cristo, the West Dade Regional Library and the Peruvian Consulate. Admission is free and open to the public.

14- Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,810

833 6 Street
Miami Beach, FL 33139
"Dance of the Soul"
07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018

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

Funds are requested to support the Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy's presentation of "Dance of the Soul," a compilation of Ballet, Flamenco and Spanish classical music. The performance will feature professional dancers and musicians, as well as children and seniors participating in the Magic Slippers educational and outreach programs. This free event will be held at the North Shore Park and Youth Center in Miami Beach.

15- Major Players Cultural Arts Educational Development Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,810

1390 NW 200 Street
Miami, FL 33169
"Dances of French Creole in the West Indies"
09/23/2018 - 09/23/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support 'Dances of the French Creole in the West Indies,' a dance and music performance capturing the richness of the African slaves in the colonies of the French West Indies. The performances will take place at Betty C. Ferguson Recreational Center and Holy Family Episcopal Church.

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16- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Flipside Kings
502 SW 18 Avenue, Apt 306
Miami, FL 33135
Flipside Arts & Music Festival (FAMFEST)
08/31/2018 - 09/30/2018

Recommended Award: \$4,216

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support an urban arts festival at the Miami Light Project. This festival is comprised of an international breakdance competition, discussion panel and multidisciplinary artistic performances and exhibitions. The purpose of this project is to support and enhance the urban arts culture in Miami, Florida. This event is open to the public.

17- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects
PO Box 531385
Miami Shores, FL 33153
Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects Summer Dance Festival
07/28/2018 - 07/28/2018

Recommended Award: \$4,216

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Greedy Pumpkin Head Projects' Summer Dance Festival featuring classes from several of Miami's contemporary dance companies and choreographers, as well as a one-week Countertechnique intensive with Nina Wollny from Amsterdam. Taking place in Wynwood's The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse, the intensive will be open to pre-professional and professional dancers and dancers with disabilities.

18- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a for Literati Grove
7256 SW 16 Terrace
Miami, FL 33155
KOMOREBI 2018
09/15/2018 - 09/15/2018

Recommended Award: \$3,372

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support a national bonsai exhibition at the HistoryMiami Museum. This event is comprised of a bonsai styling competition, national bonsai exhibition, discussion panel and Masters demonstration. The purpose of this project is to provide access to fine art bonsai, while educating the public and enhancing the traditional/visual arts culture in Miami, Florida. This event is open to the public.

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19- Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,216

12724 SW 204 Street

Miami, FL 33177

MyCM 3rd Annual Chamber Music Festival: Coral Way/SR 972

08/12/2018 - 08/12/2018

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

Funds are requested to support the MyCM 3rd Annual Chamber Music Festival featuring three generations of impassioned classical musicians to whom Miami is home. Festival activities will take place in cultural venues from downtown Miami to the westward edges of Miami-Dade County including Coral Gables Museum, FIU School of Music, Miami Arts Studio @ Zelda Glazer, First Presbyterian Church of Miami, Courtyard Marriott in Coral Gables and American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora. Activities will include chamber music concerts, workshops, and a Free-Family 'Summer Party' Chamber Music Concert featuring young jazz musicians with MyCM chamber groups. This event is open to the public.

20- Moulin Blue Professional Entertainment, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,091

7001 Bonita Drive, Apt. 45

Miami Beach, FL 33141

Memories of Spain (Recuerdos de España)

08/11/2018 - 09/02/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the production and presentation of 'Memories from Spain,' an homage to the greatest voices and unforgettable Spanish artists including Sara Montiel, Manolo Escobar, Lola Flores, Conchita Velasco, Vicente Parra, Isabel Pantoja, Los Manolos, Los Chunguitos and Azucar Moreno at the Manuel Artime Theater. This event is open to the public.

21- SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights, Inc. Recommended Award: \$4,216

11111 Pinkston Drive

Miami, FL 33176

Artwalk Richmond Heights

09/30/2018 - 09/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support a free full-day community art gallery expo called Artwalk Richmond Heights featuring a movie screening and a back-to-school drive at Richmond Height's Second Baptist Church. The pop-up art gallery tent will include professional artwork, live artists, live music, and a mini-museum of the history of Richmond Heights. This is a collaborative effort of SBC CDC, Richmond Heights Alliance, The Historic Society of Richmond Heights, and Office Max/Depot. This event is open to the public.

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

Recommended Award: \$4,216

25 Mowry Drive
Homestead, FL 33030
Seminole Theatre Players - Annie
08/18/2018 - 08/18/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support a community musical theater production in downtown Homestead at the Historic Seminole Theatre. This year's musical is "Annie," a musical that includes young performers, and will be produced with color blind casting. The project will utilize all local actors, artistic staff and production staff. The plan is to present 6 public performances at a low ticket price and 1 free morning performance for at-need youth organizations. This event is open to the public.

23- South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,372

6011 NW 68 Street
Parkland, FL 33067
Summon the Heroes
07/27/2018 - 08/05/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12

Funds are requested to support a summer concert series in partnership with Miami-Dade County Libraries and YMCA of South Florida. The series include three interactive shows with live music by the South Florida Chamber Ensemble trio, including Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and Super You, a concert of super hero themes including Superman, Wonder Woman, Black Panther and more where participants create their hero symbol outlining their strengths and To Scale, a STEM program with Coral Gables history. The series will be presented at Allapathah Library, Homestead YMCA, North Pointe YMCA, West Dade Regional Library, International Mall Library, North Dade Regional Library, South Dade YMCA, Sunny Isles Beach Library, Allapathah YMCA, Coral Gables Library and South Dade Regional Library. This event is open to the public. *All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

24- Sunshine's Heart, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,810

18970 NW 27th Avenue, Unit 202
Miami Gardens, FL 33056
Our Story in the Gardens (The Geechee Story)
07/01/2018 - 08/01/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support Geechee Storytelling, African American Cultural Dance and African Art Exhibit at the Betty T Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens. This event will be open to the public.

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25- The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Flaming Classics

Recommended Award: \$4,216

40 NW 3 Street, Suite 305
Miami, FL 33128
Flaming Classics
08/04/2018 - 08/04/2018

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

Funds are requested to support the Flaming Classics film series including film screening rights, supporting local performance and visual artists, and bringing internationally known filmmakers to Miami. Venues include Bill Cosford Cinema and The Jewel Box. This event is open to the public.

26- The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for Third Horizon

Recommended Award: \$4,216

40 NW 3 Street, Suite 305
Miami, FL 33128
Third Horizon Film Festival
09/27/2018 - 09/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the artistic programming of the third annual Third Horizon Film Festival. Festival activities will take place at O Cinema Wynwood and Pérez Art Museum Miami. This event is open to the public.

27- Troop of Actors, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,216

8540 SW 133 Avenue, Apt. 322
Miami, FL 33183
Stories on Screen - "Audiovisual communication workshop for children"
07/09/2018 - 07/29/2018

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 that includes the research of their cultural heritage and family anecdotes, video recording of the narration of those stories told by children, and their final presentation for all audiences at Artefactus Theater, located in Kendall. This event will be open to the public.

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28- Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,216

1000 NW 1 Avenue, Suite 100
Miami, FL 33136

3rd Annual Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival
07/17/2018 - 07/18/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the 3rd Annual Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival. The purpose of the festival is to create a local platform to elevate youth voices through film and inspire young people to create change using multi-media tools. The festival will accept short video submissions featuring youth as key agents for social change or address issues youth care about. The free 2-day event will be held at Miami Dade College, North Campus and will open to the public.

29- Village of Palmetto Bay

Recommended Award: \$4,216

9705 East Hibiscus Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Palmetto Bay's 5th Annual Independence Day Celebration
07/04/2018 - 07/04/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support Palmetto Bay's 5th Annual Independence Day Celebration of America's 242nd Birthday that is open to all residents, friends, tourists and neighbors from bordering cities who come together to enjoy with patriotic spirit and pride a day filled with wholesome fun for the entire family. These funds will support the presentation of live band performances, MC, artists and other entertainment. This event is open to the public.

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