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**Advance notification regarding changes to eligibility requirements for the
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs'
2021-2022 Summer Arts & Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) and
2022-2023 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) grants programs
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This statement serves as notice that beginning in FY 2021-2022, organizations that receive direct grant support from The Children's Trust under the Youth Development Initiative will no longer be eligible to apply to the Summer Arts & Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) and Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) grants.

This change will take effect beginning with the FY 2021-2022 SAS-C grant cycle for projects occurring between June 1 – August 15, 2022. This change will go into effect for YEP projects occurring between October 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023.

The SAS-C and YEP grant programs were created in 2006 as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust to expand cultural arts programs for children and youth in Miami-Dade County, and the process provides a fair and accessible avenue in which cultural organizations could compete against large social service agencies for Trust funding without compromising their artistic integrity.

Over the past 15 years, several organizations have grown in budget size as well as administrative capacity and now have experience in complex data collection and demonstrating measurable outcomes, enabling them to successfully apply for and receive grant support directly from The Children's Trust and other major funders. The SAS-C and YEP programs serve as incubators in developing these technical capabilities among quality youth arts organizations, which in turn can serve as an arts and culture "feeder program" for The Children's Trust Youth Development Initiative. This achievement is to be celebrated and commended.

Instituting this change in eligibility for SAS-C and YEP restores the original intent of these limited resources and avoids duplication of funding. In addition, it will allow for more meaningful awards, as well as the ability to identify and respond to unmet needs and invest strategically in enriching the lives of children and youth through the arts.