

Memorandum



Date: July 21, 2021

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

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Subject: FY 2021-2022 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel
Recommendations

The FY 2021-2022 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed by applying an iteration formula. The program's FY 2021-2022 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2021-2022 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of four (4) grants for the FY 2021-2022 Capital Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2021-22 Capital Development Grants Program Panel met on Monday, July 12, 2021. A total of four (4) organizations submitted applications to the program requesting a total of \$76,406 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all four (4) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Facilities improvements projects are evaluated on their capacities to improve the artistic capabilities of and/or the audience's ability to experience programs in applicant facilities, among other criteria. Priority consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Funding for the Capital Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
FY 2021-2022 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grant No.	Applicant Organization	Project Description
1	Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.	Funds are requested to support MOCA improve accessibility to the museum and its programs for persons with disabilities by replacing the entrance doors to the main exhibition space and the MOCA Pavilion with ADA-compliant push-button entryways.
2	New World Symphony, Inc.	Funds are requested to support New World Symphony's acquisition of an automated captioning system to be used for in-person and online artistic and educational programming. The system will positively impact the audience experience for those with hearing problems.
3	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the building of an outdoor stage with electric and audio systems, theater steps and ADA compliant ramp. Performers and small to medium-sized audiences will benefit from this much-needed second stage in a fresh-air setting with socially distant seating, providing an extra measure of safety. It will be used in concert with the main 380-seat theater's schedule, supplying an alternative space for musical theater, dance, music, drama, rehearsals, and informal gatherings.
4	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the replacement of malfunctioning ADA door openers at the Miami Children's Museum. Three of the Museum's double doors (6 doors/openers in total) will have new door operators installed.
