

Memorandum



Date: July 19, 2023

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

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Subject: FY 2023-2024 Capital Development (CAP) Grant Program Panel
Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of eight (8) grants for the FY 2023-2024 Capital Development Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-24 Capital Development Grant Program Panel convened on Thursday, June 29, 2023 to review eight (8) applications requesting a total of \$119,634 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all eight (8) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grant 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. Facility improvement projects are evaluated on their capacity 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 Grant Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues.

The FY 2023-2024 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grant Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The 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 approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2023-2024 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2023 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.

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Grant No.	Applicant Organization	Project Description
1	Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the purchase of lighting and sound equipment that is either antiquated or unable to be repaired at the Miracle Theatre. These upgrades are essential to produce high level theatrical experiences in both the Mainstage and the Balcony spaces for Actors' Playhouse's annual productions and rentals at the facility.
2	Bascomb Memorial Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. d/b/a WDNA 88.9 FM	Funds are requested to support the purchase of equipment needed for Production Studio B at the WDNA-FM 88.9 Public Radio facility, which will improve the production and editing capabilities of radio programs and interviews for broadcasting and archival purposes.
3	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	Funds are requested to support accessibility enhancements to The Bass Creativity Center. Enhancements include installing: 1) audio/visual (AV) equipment which includes a projector screen and surround sound for those who are visually/audibly impaired; and 2) three outswing operators on the restroom doors. The proposed enhancements will improve the museum's programming and event rental ability and allow for independent, non-assisted, inclusive access.
4	IFCM Corp.	Funds are requested to support the design, construction, and technological buildout at FilmGate Miami's Interactive Gallery. This technology will allow FilmGate to exhibit innovative and mind-bending virtual reality and augmented reality projects to the public. Improvements will allow the space to double as an educational, training, and production facility for the community to innovate and experiment.
5	Miami Theater Center, Inc.	Funds are requested to support upgrades of theatrical lighting for the main stage of the auditorium at Miami Theater Center (MTC). Updating and modernizing aged lights and providing access to the truss will improve the overall stamina and safety of our staff and artists and make MTC more attractive as a multi-purpose rental venue.
6	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the purchase of lighting and audio equipment for the Robert Russell Memorial Theater and new flooring for the Futernick Family Art Gallery located at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center in West Kendall.
7	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the renovation of the Museum's public restrooms on the 1 st and 2 nd floors. Renovation work will include replacing the toilets and moving them from wall mounted to floor mounted along with the required plumbing work and reroutes, building/retiling the bathroom walls, retiling floors, and replacing mirrors.

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8 The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

Funds are requested to support the purchase of mobile museum walls and an artwork hanging system space for the lobby of the Westchester Cultural Arts Center (WCAC). This exhibition space will provide a welcoming and elegant lobby space and support the community by providing a facility for the presentation of a variety of visual arts exhibits created by local artists, increase collaboration between visual and performing arts, and provide more services to persons interested in renting the WCAC for events.
