

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 19, 2018

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring 

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

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 30 grants for a total of \$170,000.00 from the FY 2018-2019 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2018-2019 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on November 15, 2018 to review 30 applications requesting \$247,300.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 30 applicants for a total of \$170,000.00.

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) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**1- 4Ward Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

421 NE 51 Street

Miami, FL 33137

*Gay8 Festival*

2/1/2019 - 2/28/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the fourth annual Gay8 Festival, a Hispanic LGBTQ art, music and street festival taking place on Calle Ocho in Little Havana. The festival, which is free and open to the public, draws thousands of attendees each year, who enjoy the area's local businesses, galleries and walking tours along with an educational and cultural arts program highlighting music, film, poetry, literary arts, performing arts, and artistically driven opportunities for community connection, diversity and inclusivity.

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**2- After School Film Institute, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

160 NE 121 Street

North Miami, FL 33161

*ASFI Future of Film Festival*

3/16/2019 - 3/16/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the After School Film Institute's public short film showcase and interactive audience question and answer segment at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, celebrating the cinematic achievements of South Florida student filmmakers, ages 13 to 18. The event aims to connect the arts community and the local film and television production industry with the talented youth available throughout South Florida, in an effort to create mentorship and development opportunities for young filmmakers interested in pursuing a career in the production industry. The event is open to the public.

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**3- Baba Collective, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

401 NW 42 Street

Miami, FL 33127

*RCS exhibit 51-100*

3/14/2019 - 5/17/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support an exhibition celebrating one hundred episodes of the RCS: Rocking Chair Sessions podcast, an audiovisual archive and dialogue engaging with artists in the South Florida arts community. The artists and creatives interviewed in the past year (sessions 51 - 100) will be represented in an exhibition at the Bakehouse Art Complex, with their artwork displayed alongside the podcast recording. The free and open to the public exhibition is multidisciplinary in nature, featuring video, performances, sculpture, and two dimensional pieces as well as the audio of the podcast.

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**Grant Award Recommendations**

**4- Brazilian Voices, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,396**

1792 Bell Tower Lane  
Weston, FL 33326

*Brazilian Voices at the Courtyard*

1/5/2019 - 3/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a free and open to the public outdoor concert at Sylvester Cancer Center's courtyard, featuring a small ensemble of Brazilian Voices, an all-female volunteer collection of acapella singers, showcasing the richness and diversity of Brazilian culture. Singers will also perform for patients at their bedside, during chemotherapy and in the pediatric oncology ward, to celebrate the therapeutic benefits of targeted arts therapy. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**5- Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,394**

4200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, FL 33137

*Miami Jewish Film Festival*

1/10/2019 - 1/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Funds are requested to support the twenty-second annual Miami Jewish Film Festival (MJFF), bringing filmmakers, educators, and industry professionals to Miami-Dade County to interact with audiences through screenings of award-winning films, panel discussions, and other special events, all designed to promote quality Jewish learning and identity-building through the local community. The festival will occur over thirteen days, with over seventy screenings in over nine venues held across Miami-Dade County. The program is open to the public.

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**6- Children's Hope Chest of Dreams, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

1611 NW 85 Avenue  
Plantation, FL 33322

*Black Lounge Film Series*

1/18/2019 - 3/16/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Black Lounge Film Series, a collaboration with the Miami-Dade Public Library system, the Miami Book Fair and the City of Miami Parks Department, using cinematic arts to engage the entire village and empower community building. Black Lounge Films will coordinate four documentary screening events at the Culmer Public Library and an outdoor final screening at Gibson Park that explore the African Diaspora. The screenings will be accompanied by a recommended book that Library cardholders can check out at their local public library and live music. The events are free and open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**7- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$10,394**  
P.O. Box 380358  
Miami, FL 33238  
*MLK Holiday Parade and Festival*  
1/21/2019 - 1/21/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity:      2, 3

Funds are requested to support the nation's oldest and largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday parade and festival, commemorating the civil rights icon's legacy by honoring and expanding the grand vision of freedom, justice, and equality for all people. Beginning in Liberty City and ending at MLK Memorial Park, the free and open to the public event spotlights a diverse culture and features arts programming, entertainment and culinary experiences that honor, promote and unify civic pride as well as engender a commitment to education, growth and development.

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**8- Evolutionary Arts Life Foundation, Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$5,198**  
20456 NW 8 Court  
Miami, FL 33169  
*iAct, iSing, iDance, iPlay Intensive Arts Saturday Programs*  
1/1/2019 - 3/31/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity:      1

Funds are requested to support the underserved youth of Miami-Dade County through two performing arts programs promoting discipline, self-worth, self-awareness, confidence and social growth. The seasonal programs offered at Norland Middle School and Dr. Michael Krop High School require tuition and registration fees, supported by partial scholarships; free and open to the public culminating performances will be presented, in which the students apply the training they have received during the season.

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FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**9- Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of the Miami Beach Urban Studios** Recommended Award: **\$4,505**

420 Lincoln Road, FIU Miami  
Beach Urban Studios, #447  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
*XXII New Music Miami ISCM Festival*  
1/16/2019 - 4/10/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the XXII New Music Miami ISCM (International Society for Contemporary Music) Festival taking place at Florida International University's Miami Beach Urban Studios on Lincoln Road. Celebrating twenty two-years, the New Music Miami Festival has brought cutting edge contemporary art music to South Florida audiences, featuring nightly concerts with performances by the New World Symphony and renowned and emerging faculty and student composers from FIU. All performances are free and open to the public.

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**10- Florida Shakespeare Theater, Inc.** Recommended Award: **\$5,198**

330 Alhambra Circle, #200  
Coral Gables, FL 33134  
*Shakespeare in the Park - Romeo and Juliet*  
1/3/2019 - 2/13/2019

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

Funds are requested to support Florida Shakespeare Theater's annual Shakespeare Festival, featuring eight Shakespeare in the Park public performances of "Romeo and Juliet," lectures and curtain talks, poetry readings and a concert. All performances and activities are free and open to the public, with the exception of the ticketed concert at the Barnacle Historic State Park. Additional student and sensory performances will be produced.

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**11- Global Arts Project, Inc.** Recommended Award: **\$5,198**

19477 NE 10 Avenue, #514  
Miami, FL 33179  
*Artscape at Collins Park*  
2/24/2019 - 9/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the annual Artscape concert series, presenting culturally diverse music forms in Miami Beach's Collins Park, including performances by Nestor Torres and Rachell Coba. These free and open to the public performances are designed to bring the community together to enjoy and share in the richness of the many different cultures, heritages, and ethnic backgrounds that make up South Florida.

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**FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**Grant Award Recommendations**

**12- Global Stem Academy, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

9101 NW 7 Avenue, #B21  
Miami, FL 33150  
*S.T.R.E.A.M. in Miami*  
1/6/2019 - 3/31/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3

Funds are requested to support a series of free S.T.R.E.A.M. (science, technology, reading/ writing, engineering, arts and mathematics) classes, focusing on the artistic components within robotics, 3D game design, digital art, virtual reality, computer programming and tech entrepreneurship in Miami Dade County. The classes are offered on Saturdays at six Miami-Dade Public Libraries and are designed for economically disadvantaged students ages 8 to 18. At the conclusion of the classes, the students' work will be available for the public to enjoy at the libraries utilized.

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**13- Gray Area Collective**

**Recommended Award: \$4,505**

10641 Hammocks Boulevard, #326  
Miami, FL 33196  
*Mixed Media - Live Performance and Symposium*  
3/23/2019 - 3/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the programming of "Mixed Media," a celebration of experimental audio and visual art, taking place during Miami Music Week. The program will consist of a free and open to the public symposium of lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and a DJ clinic, all focusing on avant garde music and arts, technology and education. An open to the public, ticketed evening performance will focus on experimental/ avant garde electronic music artists.

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**14- IlluminArts, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

P.O. Box 45-1704  
Miami, FL 33245  
*IlluminArts at ArtCenter South Florida: Terence Price II - Ghetto in the Suburbs*  
2/4/2019 - 2/9/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the ArtCenter South Florida performance "Ghetto in the Suburbs," inspired by the work of Terence Price II, a Miami native and resident visual artist. The performance will begin with the Miami Mass Choir assembling to perform in front of the ArtCenter South Florida on Lincoln Road, which will then will lead the audience that has gathered along Lincoln Road while singing to the Colony Theater where the performance will feature selections by three soloists, a selection that will be performed by the choir and soloists combined, as well as audience participation in the music to create a sense of community. All components of the performances are free and open to the public.

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FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 2nd Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**15- Kaleidoscope MusArt, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

8335 SW 72 Avenue, #113

Miami, FL 33143

*Odyssey Concert Season - Spring 2019 Session*

2/16/2019 - 4/30/2019

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

Funds are requested to partially cover the costs of carrying out seven events of Kaleidoscope MusArt's Odyssey Concert Season - Spring 2019 Session, including concerts honoring legendary composer George Crumb at the University of Miami and a masterclass at the Steinway Piano Gallery, featuring over twenty-two distinguished artists, including Frost School of Music students, alumni, and faculty. Events are open to the public and ticketed, with senior and student discounts offered and free admission to children eighteen and under.

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**16- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

19477 NE 10 Avenue, #514

Miami, FL 33179

*MiamiArtZine.com*

1/1/2019 - 9/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support MiamiArtZine.com, a free online publication dedicated to building public awareness, participation and financial support for the arts and culture of Miami-Dade County. The publication features an arts calendar, reviews, artist profiles, articles and photos and funds stipends to artists who write, edit and create art for miamiartzine.com. Miamiartzine.com is a resource used by Miami-Dade residents and visitors from the United States and over 135 countries and is accessible to anyone with access to a computer or smart-phone with an internet connection.

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**17- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

8901 SW 79 Court

Miami, FL 33156

*There's Nothing Here of Me but Me*

1/1/2019 - 2/22/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the reconstruction, rehearsal and presentation of Daniel Lewis' "There's Nothing Here of Me but Me," choreographed originally in 1980 through a National Endowment for the Arts grant to the Daniel Lewis Dance Company. The work will be presented at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex and will include a two week master class series and a retrospective lecture from Lewis on his life in dance. The project is presented in conjunction with Miami Dade Public Schools' Cultural Passport program and is free and open to the public.

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**FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**Grant Award Recommendations**

**18- Miami International Ballet Competition, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

15939 Biscayne Boulevard  
North Miami Beach, FL 33160  
*Miami International Ballet Celebration*  
1/27/2019 - 1/27/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support a free and open to the public ballet performance entitled "Miami International Ballet Celebration" at the Julius Littman North Miami Beach Performing Arts Theater. The performance is the culmination of a week of sessions, workshops and master classes of paid registered competitors and featuring artists, instructors and choreographers from all over the world, as well as dance groups within the Miami-Dade community.

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**19- Miami International Jazz Fest, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

1998 NE 180 Street  
North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
*Miami International Jazz Fest*  
2/15/2019 - 2/16/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the sixth annual Miami International Jazz Fest, a two-day event held at the Manuel Artime Theater, featuring renowned jazz artists from around the world. The constantly evolving and blending of musical styles of classical Jazz, combined with its Afro-Caribbean roots, make Miami-Dade County the premier location to bring artists and an audience together with the intention of preserving and cultivating the love for jazz in the community. The performances are open to the public and ticketed, with free access provided to area resident seniors and high school and college students enrolled in music programs.

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**20- Miami International Science Fiction Film Festival, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

9715 West Broward Boulevard,  
#126  
Plantation, FL 33324  
*SciFi Miami - The Colosseum*  
3/22/2019 - 3/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the annual Miami International Science Fiction Film Festival, featuring three days of film programming, screenplay performances and lectures, bringing together film and science industry veterans with the community's STEM fields as a confluence of art and science. The festival events are ticketed and open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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FY 2018-19 Community Grants (CG) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**21- Miami Shores Village**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

10050 NE Second Avenue  
Miami Shores, FL 33138  
*Plaza 98 Culture Series*  
1/1/2019 - 3/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "Plaza 98 Culture Series," a monthly explosion of arts and culture presented by local artists in a repurposed street that is temporarily blocked off to create a vibrant community gathering space and city center in downtown Miami Shores. The family friendly community event is free and open to the public.

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**22- Nigerian American Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

19821 NW 2 Avenue, #401  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169  
*AfriFest Miami*  
2/23/2019 - 2/23/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Nigerian-American Foundation's AfriFest Miami 2019, South Florida's premier African Cultural and Wellness Festival, taking place in the soccer field of the Dr. Dorothy Bendross Mindingall Social-Economic Institute in Liberty City, as part of Black History Month. The free and open to the public event features local performance artists crisscrossing the disciplines of dance, music, and art to highlight the rich contributions of all people of color, especially those from neighboring Caribbean and South American nations as well as indigenous African and African American people of South Florida.

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**23- Power Access, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

1616 Michigan Avenue, #1  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
*South Beach Jazz Festival*  
1/4/2019 - 1/6/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support production of the third annual South Beach Jazz Festival, a three day celebration of Jazz, community, and life and featuring talented musicians with disabilities, while raising public awareness of people with disabilities. The performances and master classes aim to foster access for disabled artists to participate fully in society and help beautify and educate our community and strengthen our reputation for cultural innovation and inclusion. The events are open to the public and ticketed, with some free options included.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

**24- Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,394**

6401 SW 87 Avenue, #115

Miami, FL 33173

*South Miami Rotary Art Festival*

2/23/2019 - 2/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 35th annual South Miami Rotary Art Festival, a free and open to the public family-friendly street festival of juried arts and crafts held in downtown South Miami. The festival features food, music and over 148 artists of many disciplines, including jewelry, sculpture, photography, painting, printing, drawing, glass, metal, mixed media, wood, clay and textiles.

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**25- Shakespeare Troupe, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,198**

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Boca Raton, FL 33434

*Shakespeare Troupe - Winter Project 2019*

1/2/2019 - 3/31/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 6, 7

Funds are requested to support Shakespeare Troupe's Winter, 2019 performances and educational master classes at a variety of venues, including an established theatre, school, museum and adult behavioral facility. Performances include two fully realized, mainstage productions of Shakespeare's most popular plays, "Romeo & Juliet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," followed by a master class workshops. Performances are ticketed and open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**26- St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,128**

PO Box 836225

Miami, FL 33283

*St. Patrick's Day Festival*

3/9/2019 - 3/9/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, providing Miami-Dade County residents a showcase of Irish culture and heritage, featuring traditional Irish songs and ballads performed with Celtic instruments along with traditional folk music, Irish dancers, and a marching pipe and drum band. The event takes place at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park in Coral Gables and is free and open to the public.

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**27- The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc. a/f/a Miami Dance Hub Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,198**

212 NE 59 Terrace  
Miami, FL 33137

*The Space Between: Dance Duets Exposed*

1/1/2019 - 1/24/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Miami Dance Hub's production of "The Space Between: Dance Duets Exposed," an up-close and informative performance of seven duets from several different styles of dance, including ballet, African fusion, contemporary dance, and tango on a bare stage, followed by an open dialogue between the participating audiences and the artists themselves about the physical and artistic characteristics of each duet. The performers are selected from local dance companies and organizations to truly represent the Miami dance community, as well as South Florida's diversity. The event is free and open to the public.

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**28- Tradisyon Lakou Lakay, Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,198**

10802 NE 4 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33161

*Spring Fest X 2019*

3/25/2019 - 3/29/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Tradisyon Lakou Lakay's week-long Spring Fest at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex, designed to instill the attending youth with a sense of self-worth through the understanding of the Haitian culture. Utilizing the theme of World Culture View: Empowering Youth through Cultural Lenses, the tuition-based program provides instructions in FolkLit, poetry, art, drumming, dance and photography to predominantly children of Haitian descent aged 6 to 16 in the community, as well as physically and financially disabled children throughout the area. At the conclusion of the week, a culminating free and open to the public performance will showcase what the children have learned.

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**29- United Jewish Generations, Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,198**

16820 NE 6 Court  
Miami, FL 33162

*Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE)*

2/10/2019 - 2/10/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE) event, a Grand Klezmer concert to benefit the senior citizens of Miami-Dade County, taking place at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theatre in North Miami Beach, an enclave of Eastern European seniors in Miami-Dade County. Providing authentic Klezmer music and featuring Yiddish vocalists, the ticketed event is open to the public and encouraging of all age participation.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

**30- Village of Pinecrest**

12645 Pinecrest Parkway  
Pinecrest, FL 33156

*Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival*

1/26/2019 - 1/27/2019

**Recommended Award: \$6,928**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the sixteenth annual Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival to be held at Pinecrest Gardens (former Parrot Jungle) in south Miami-Dade County. A juried art show, featuring original art from sixty-five nationally and internationally recognized visual artists, this free and open to the public event will also include interactive programming, sidewalk chalk painters, live music, and children's activities, with an optional ticket for the Jazz at Pinecrest Gardens program.

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