

Memorandum



Date: November 15, 2023

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Marialaura Leslie 

Subject: FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 32 grants for a total of \$200,000.00 from the FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter panel, co-chaired by Councilors Janá Sigars-Malina and Sandra Curbelo, convened on November 2, 2023, to review 32 applications requesting \$270,000.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 32 applicants for a total of \$200,000.00.

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 the program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of the event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Even though we are steadily emerging from the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the Second Quarter (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024), we continue to evaluate each proposal based upon both the quality of the application and the ability to satisfactorily address each of the evaluation criteria, as stated in the program's guidelines. Before releasing grant funds to organizations, the Department will assess the feasibility of the grantees presenting public programs in identified venues and spaces; if necessary, the Department is prepared to exercise appropriate contractual flexibility to include virtual programs and other program delivery strategies, as may be necessary.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2023-2024 Community Grants (CG) – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326

Brazilian Voices - One note samba

1/3/2024 - 3/31/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support “Brazilian Voices - One Note Samba,” 2024, a therapeutic medley of soothing bossa nova arrangements and uplifting samba tunes for patients, caregivers, and staff at the Baptist Health-Miami Cancer Institute chemotherapy infusion units and inpatient areas, as well as a larger public performance in the center's courtyard. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

2- Brevo Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

PO Box 667002

Pompano Beach, Florida 33066

Me & My Miami

2/22/2024 - 2/25/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the production of “Me & My Miami,” a family-oriented cultural musical celebrating Miami's multicultural influences through music and dance, promoting unity and understanding among families while emphasizing the importance of storytelling from the viewpoint of three children from Miami, taking place at the Miami Theater Center. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

3- Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,268

4200 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, Florida 33137

Miami Jewish Film Festival

1/11/2024 - 1/25/2024

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

Funds are requested to support the 25th annual “Miami Jewish Film Festival,” which creates opportunities for filmmakers, educators, and industry professionals to connect and interact with Miami audiences in-person and virtually through over 70 film screenings, panel discussions, and other special events taking place at the Miami Beach Bandshell, Coral Gables Art Cinema, Miami Theater Center, O Cinema South Beach, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Miami Beach JCC, Cosford Cinema, and Temple Beth Am.

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4- Codeart, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

550 NW 42 Avenue, #415
Miami, Florida 33126
Code/Art Fest
3/16/2024 - 3/16/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 12

Funds are requested to support "Code/Art Fest," a digital art exhibition featuring generative art talks, workshops, and hands-on activities, taking place at Miami Dade College - West Campus.

5- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,268

12864 Biscayne Boulevard, #436
Miami, Florida 33181
MLK Holiday Parade & Festival
1/15/2024 - 1/15/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the 47th anniversary edition of the nation's oldest, largest Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday parade and festival that commemorates the civil rights icon's legacy through diverse cultural and arts programming, commencing on NW 54 Street and 10 Avenue in Liberty City and ending in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park.

6- Encantus Music, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

175 SW 7 Street, #1815
Miami, Florida 33130
Ancient Arias of the New World Part IV
3/16/2024 - 3/16/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Ancient Arias of the New World Part IV," a performance of vocal arias derived from the historical investigative work by the Venezuelan musicologist, composer, and performer Juan Francisco Sans, taking place at the Church of the Little Flower.

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7- FIU Board of Trustees, for the Benefit of the Miami Beach Urban Studios Recommended Award: \$5,634

11200 SW 8 Street, MARC #430
Miami, Florida 33199

XXVII New Music Miami International Society of Contemporary Music Festival
1/17/2024 - 4/24/2024

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

Funds are requested to support the “XXVII New Music Miami ISCM Festival,” a week-long festival bringing cutting-edge contemporary classical music to South Florida audiences, taking place at The Wolfsonian - Florida International University Museum.

8- Giants in the City, Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,634

14615 S River Drive
Miami, Florida 33167

The Youngest Giant
1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13

Funds are requested to support “The Youngest Giant,” a collaborative inflatable public art sculpture between artist Alejandro Mendoza and Miami-Dade high school students that will result in the production of a new monumental inflatable sculpture at Miami-Dade College in Hialeah.

9- Global Arts Project, Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,634

5400 SW 77 Court, # 1-J
Miami, Florida 33155

Artscape 2024
2/26/2024 - 9/24/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the “Artscape 2024,” an outdoor concert series representing culturally diverse music, taking place in Collins Park and Liberty Plaza in Miami Beach.

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10- Greater Miami Community Concert Band, Inc. dba Greater Miami Symphonic Band Recommended Award: **\$5,634**

P.O. Box 16-1233
Miami, Florida 33116
The Majestic Magic of Music
3/12/2024 - 3/12/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "The Majestic Magic of Music," a music concert featuring 60 members of the Greater Miami Symphonic Band with renowned guest trumpet soloist Craig Morris showcasing symphonic band repertoire, taking place at the University of Miami - Maurice Gusman Concert Hall.

11- Imago Por Las Artes, Inc. Recommended Award: **\$5,634**

4028 SW 57 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155
Miami Children's Storytelling Festival
1/13/2024 - 3/31/2024

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

Funds are requested to support the "Miami Children's Storytelling Festival," featuring the oral tradition of storytelling as a fundamental part of Hispanic culture; participating children between the ages of 7-12 will create and perform their own theatrical story for the community taking place at Tower Theater Miami.

12- Italian Film Festival, Inc. Recommended Award: **\$5,634**

5151 Collins Avenue, #224
Miami Beach, Florida 33140
Cinema Italy Film Festival
2/23/2024 - 2/26/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 18th annual "Cinema Italy Film Festival," a public screening of the top 10 Italian films produced in in late 2022 and 2023 that have not yet been screened for South Florida audiences taking place O Cinema South Beach.

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13- Maiaca, Inc.

1436 Mantua Avenue
Miami, Florida 33146
Holi 2024
3/9/2024 - 3/30/2024

Recommended Award: \$5,634

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the upcoming event 'Holi 2024,' a cultural event celebrating India's traditional spring festival of colors while featuring Indian music, dance, cuisine, and arts, taking place at Kendall Indian Hammocks Park.

14- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.

1775 Washington Avenue, PH 2
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Miamiartzine.com
1/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Recommended Award: \$5,634

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Miamiartzine.com," a free online publication dedicated to promoting and increasing awareness of the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County for county residents and visitors from the United States and over 179 countries.

15- Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc.

2800 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Open House Miami
3/1/2024 - 3/2/2024

Recommended Award: \$5,634

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

Funds are requested to support "Open House Miami," a two-day architectural festival showcasing Greater Miami's historic and new architecture, public art, and public spaces, including behind-the-scenes tours, lectures, and performances.

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16- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

8901 SW 79 Court

Miami, Florida 33156

Miami Dance Futures' Annual Concert - A Life in Dance

1/8/2024 - 3/31/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "Miami Dance Futures' Annual Concert - A Life in Dance," annual concert featuring the Miami premiere of "My Echo, My Shadow and Me" choreographed by Dr. Daniel Lewis a two-week master class series, taking place at the i Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

17- Miami International Ballet Competition, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

15939 Biscayne Boulevard

North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

Miami International Ballet Celebration

1/21/2024 - 1/21/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 4

Funds are requested to support the "Miami International Ballet Celebration," a dance event featuring professional international artists accompanied by award winners of the Miami International Ballet Competition, including dance groups from South Florida, taking place at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater.

18- Power Access, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,268

1616 Michigan Avenue, #1

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

8th annual South Beach Jazz Festival

1/4/2024 - 1/7/2024

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

Funds are requested to support the "8th annual South Beach Jazz Festival" featuring renowned and diverse musicians, who have various disabilities, allowing audiences to recognize these artists for their abilities and not their disabilities, taking place at various venues throughout Miami Beach.

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19- Power2Voice, Corp.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

5775 NW 84 Avenue
Doral, Florida 33166
Voices & Visions
3/30/2024 - 3/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 12

Funds are requested to support “Voices & Vision,” an immersive multidisciplinary exhibition in celebration of International Women's Month, featuring female artists showcasing their ability to seamlessly integrate various forms of artistic expression through theater, dance, music, and visual arts taking place at Miami Dade College Koubek Memorial Center.

20- Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,512

6401 SW 87 Avenue, #115
Miami, Florida 33173
SoMi Art Fest (formerly The South Miami Rotary Art Festival)
2/24/2024 - 2/25/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 39th annual “SoMi Art Fest (formerly South Miami Rotary Art Festival),” a family-friendly, juried arts and crafts festival on Sunset Drive between Red Road and US 1 in downtown South Miami, featuring over 120 artists and various disciplines, food vendors, and continuous live music on two stages.

21- Ruta Teatral, Inc. a/f/a Mujeres Trending Corp.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

1140 101 Street, #402B
Bay Harbor Islands, Florida 33154
Go and discover yourself
1/1/2024 - 3/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support “Go and discover yourself,” a captivating and thought-provoking rendition of 'The Vagina Monologues' will unfold during Women's Month, featuring an array of locally curated submissions that amplify the rich tapestry of diverse women's voices and experiences.

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22- Shakevia's Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,810

20535 NW 2 Avenue, #110

Miami, Florida 33169

Shakevia's Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc. presents A Black History Extravaganza

2/24/2024 - 2/24/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support "Shakevia's Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc. presents A Black History Extravaganza, a community event celebrating Black History featuring musical and dance performances by local artists and activities such as arts and crafts for children, taking place at the Miami Gardens Focal Point Senior Center.

23- Sol E Lua Cultural Arts Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

2200 SW 16 Street, #122

Miami, Florida 33145

Sol e Lua Belt Ceremony & Encounter

2/28/2024 - 3/3/2024

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

Funds are requested to support "Sol e Lua Belt Ceremony & Encounter," a week long Afro-Brazilian cultural festival featuring workshops, classes, and performances in Capoeira, Afro Brazilian dance, Samba, Maculele, percussion, and instrument making, taking place at Miami Capoeira Sol e Lua Studio and the Barnacle Historic State Park .

24- St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,512

P.O. Box 836225

Miami, Florida 33283

St. Patrick's Day Festival

3/9/2024 - 3/9/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the "St. Patrick's Day Festival," a family-oriented cultural event celebrating Irish culture and heritage featuring traditional Irish songs, live performances by bands playing Irish and folk music, Irish dancers, and a marching pipe and drum band, taking place at the German American Social Club of Greater Miami.

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25- The Bridge Miami - Music & the Arts Incubator, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

4220 NW 7 Avenue

Miami, Florida 33127

Steel & Stone - The Bridge Presents Foundations of Local Music in Miami

1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "Steel & Stone - The Bridge Presents Foundations of Local Music in Miami," a diverse, artist-driven performance series, including Jazz, Funk, Experimental, Raves, and more, produced by community musicians, emphasizing inclusivity and the promotion of local talent while offering workshops, education, and networking opportunities, taking place at The Bridge Miami.

26- The Last Hundred, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

2275 Biscayne Boulevard, #1007

Miami, Florida 33137

The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2024 Season Opening Concerts

1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2024 Season Opening Concerts," a music program featuring classical music written in the last one hundred years focused on recent works and world premieres, including works written by composers based in the greater Miami area, taking place at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel at the University of Miami.

27- Tropic Bound, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

290 NW 73 Street

Miami, Florida 33150

Tropic Bound 2023 Publication Project

1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Funds are requested to support the "Tropic Bound 2023 Publication Project", a series of panel discussions and a printed publication that documents the first international artists' book fair in Miami, showcasing over 100+ artists and the creative practices in the book arts community, providing historical context and critical insights into the evolution of artists' books, and enhancing Miami's role as a hub for book arts while also fostering cultural bridges and interest in the field of artists' books.

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28- True Mirage, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

15616 SW 85 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33193
Resonation 2024
2/22/2024 - 3/16/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “Resonation 2024,” a unique festival featuring a snapshot of 8 original musicals taking place at Miami Dade College’s Tower Theater Miami.

29- United Jewish Generations, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

16820 NE 6 Court
Miami, Florida 33162
Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE)
2/4/2024 - 2/4/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the “Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE),” a Klezmer concert featuring traditional eastern European Jewish music performed by local musicians and cantors who specialize in Klezmer, taking place at Julius Littman Performing Arts Theatre.

30- University of Miami - Frost School of Music

Recommended Award: \$5,634

P.O. Box 405803
Atlanta, Georgia 30384
*2023-2024 Frost Music Live - Tribute to Afro-Trinbago-American Percussionist
Ralph MacDonald*
2/1/2024 - 3/7/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the Frost Music Live concert titled “Tribute to Afro-Trinbago- American Percussionist Ralph MacDonald,” a multimedia concert honoring the legacy of Ralph MacDonald, featuring Trinidad-born storyteller Etienne Charles, American bassist Marcus Miller, the Frost Studio Jazz Band, and the Frost Jazz Vocal Ensembles, taking place at the University of Miami - Maurice Gusman Concert Hall. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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31- Village of Pinecrest

Recommended Award: \$7,512

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156
Pinecrest Gardens Art & Design Fair
1/20/2024 - 1/21/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 20th annual “Pinecrest Gardens Art & Design Fair (formerly Fine Arts Festival),” a juried art show featuring original art from 70 national and international artists, along with an environmental art exhibition, live music, and children's activities, taking place at Pinecrest Gardens.

32- We Art Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,634

1500 NW North River Drive
Miami, Florida 33125
Noches de Artes y Literatura (Nights of Arts and Literature)
3/9/2024 - 3/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support “Noches de Artes y Literatura (Nights of Arts and Literature),” a four-night event series in celebration of International Women's Month, showcasing female artistry through live music, poetry, and literature, taking place at the Doral Contemporary Art Museum pop-up gallery space in CityPlace Doral.

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