

Memorandum



Date: June 21, 2017

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

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From: Michael Spring
Director

Subject: FY 2017-2018 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

The FY 2017-2018 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2017-2018 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2017-2018 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of nine (9) grants for the FY 2017-2018 Capital Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2017-18 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Deborah J. Margol, met on Thursday, June 8, 2017. A total of nine (9) organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$220,451 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all nine (9) 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).

As part of the Capital Development Grants Program's annual review procedures, panelists are assigned site visits to applicant facilities, in addition to being responsible for evaluating each applicant based on the following competitive criteria: 1) Project Proposal; 2) Management and Administrative Capacity of the Applicant Organization; 3) Improved Facility Capabilities; 4) Appropriateness of Grant Request; 5) Merit of Organization's Facility Programming and Marketing Plan.

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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grant No.	Applicant Organization	Average Panel Score	CAP Project Title	Project Description
1	Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.	93.67	<i>Phase I: 40/50 Year Recertification Electrical Upgrades</i>	Grant funds will be used to support Phase I of electrical upgrades in response to the City of Miami's 40/50 year recertification, to include the reinstallation of second floor electrical room equipment and masonry repair due to water intrusion and damage to supporting wall, among other essential upgrades.
2	City of Homestead	86.29	<i>Seminole Theatre: Auditorium Audio Package Enhancement</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase and installation of audio package equipment for the Seminole Theatre auditorium. Upgrades will improve both the public address system for audience experience as well as address deficiencies in house equipment such as quality monitors, amps, and cabinets.
3	City of Miami Beach - Parks & Recreation Department	84.86	<i>North Beach Bandshell Lighting Improvements</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase energy efficient lighting equipment for the North Beach Bandshell, an historic amphitheater owned by the City of Miami Beach, and managed by the Rhythm Foundation.
4	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	86.71	<i>Film Equipment Purchases for Public Space Activation to Create Small Screening Areas</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of film equipment for use in underutilized public spaces (entrance plaza, downstairs lobby, and upstairs lobby), including: two projector systems (one 16 mm and one digital projector).
5	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc. for Bass Museum of Art	90.00	<i>Bass Museum of Art - Lindemann Family Courtyard Enhancements</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of state-of-the-art audio visual technology and an ADA hearing loop system for the Bass' Lindemann Family Courtyard, which was newly renovated during the museum's internal expansion project.
6	Miami Dade College - Cultural Affairs Department	88.67	<i>Miami Dade College Live Arts Lab Technical Equipment and Space Upgrades</i>	Grant funds will be used to support MDC Live Arts Lab technical equipment and space upgrades, including: sound equipment, ADA assistive listening devices, state-of-the-art video projection system, and replacement of worn theater curtains throughout the venue.
7	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	89.71	<i>Alper JCC 2017-18 Theater and Children's Museum Improvements</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase and installation of: 1) new concrete flooring for the children's museum; and 2) sound and lighting equipment for the theater.
8	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	91.86	<i>Auditorium Theater Renovation</i>	Grant funds will be used to support upgrades to the Auditorium including replacing the retractable bleachers and stage curtain; purchasing a Marley floor and cyclorama; and upgrading the lighting and sound systems.
9	Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens	90.86	<i>Pinecrest Gardens ADA Restroom Renovation (Located near playground at Terrace Level)</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the renovation of restrooms at the Terrace Level. The current restrooms, and pathways to access to them, are not currently in keeping with ADA requirements and planned renovations will bring them fully in line with ADA laws.