

Memorandum



Date: May 15, 2019

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2019-20 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

The FY 2019-2020 award recommendations for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formulas for this program. The program's FY 2019-2020 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review, 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 2019-2020 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget to be adopted in September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 30 grants from the FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Friday, May 10, 2019 to review 30 applications requesting a total of \$1,775,000. The Panel recommended funding all 30 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories: Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues between \$50,000 and \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

Funding for the Youth Arts Miami Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2019-2020 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

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Grant #1 : - All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. d/b/a Florida Youth Orchestra

1708 N 40 AVE
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music education and outreach performances for 4,000 students, ages 5-18, at community sites and public venues in Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include orchestral training, violin/percussion instruction for at-risk youth, family concerts for young children/seniors and outreach performances. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved musical skills and social/behavioral skills.

Grant #2 : - Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.

5020 NW 197 ST
Miami Gardens, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Alliance for Musical Arts' music programs for a total of 300 youth (ages 7-18) and youth with disabilities (up to age 22) at the Betty T. Ferguson Complex in Miami Gardens. Two programs will be presented - *Youth Drum Line*, which consists of various activities including classes in percussion and musical instrumentation; and *The "305" Community Band Camp*, which includes sight-reading, applied skill development, audition technique and rehearsals, two free performances open to the public, community performances, events, parades and demonstrations.

Grant #3 : - American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.

2150 Coral Way #3-C
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support American Children's Orchestras for Peace classes and activities targeting 800 students ages 5-13. Program activities include classes in music history, instrument instruction, reading/writing musical notation, fitness instruction and social/like skill-building programs. Activities will take place at Jose Marti Park, Shenandoah Park and Shenandoah Elementary, in the City of Miami.

Grant #4 : - Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company

1560 SO Dixie HWY #103
Coral Gables, Florida 33146

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Area Stage Company's conservatory for 1,000 students ages 5-22, at Area Stage Company in Coral Gables. Program activities include a structured curriculum of group classes and private instruction and a full season of theatre productions. Participants will engage in theatre-based learning, encompassing acting, singing, dancing, and tech, benefiting from expanded and strengthened leadership skills, emotional intelligence, goal setting, and self-assurance.

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Grant #5 : - Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

415 W 51 PL
Hialeah, Florida 33012

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Ballet Etudes for 315 young dancers (ages 0-18) and 20 advanced dancers (ages 18-22). Program activities will include performances of classical ballet and training for ballet students in the underserved areas of Hialeah and Miami Lakes. Participants will engage in ballet and benefit from ballet skills, training and life skills to successfully perform in front of an audience.

Grant #6 : - Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194 ST
Miami, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Diva Arts' *Dance Empowers Youth Program* for 200 students ages 5-19, at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include dance training (e.g., ballet, jazz, hip-hop), personal development, community outreach and choreography. Students will master skills in dance technique, improve academically, display a positive sense of self, and increase knowledge of health awareness and injury prevention.

Grant #7 : - enFAMILIA, INC.

PO BOX 924229
Homestead, Florida 33092

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support a year round arts program for 300 students ages 6-18, in Homestead and Florida City. Program activities will include multidisciplinary art classes, exhibits and performances where students engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts. Students will also benefit from learning about causes, consequences and solutions for at risk behaviors.

Grant #8 : - Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

6103 NW 7 AVE
Miami, Florida 33127

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 55,000 students ages 0-17, at the Sandrell Rivers Theater and in Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals and community centers countywide. Program activities will include educational theater shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theatre arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

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Grant #9 : - Florida Film Institute, Inc.

640 NE 124 ST
North Miami, Florida 33161

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Florida Film Institute's CINEMA program for 125 students ages 13-18, at the Coral Gables Art Cinema and Miami-Dade public schools located in Miami, Hialeah and South Miami. Program activities will include all aspects of filmmaking as an art and career path. Participants will engage in script writing, directing and cinematography and benefit from literacy and working together as a team to produce short films.

Grant #10 : - Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset Drive
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Greater Miami Youth Symphony's musical training, concerts and outreach programs for an anticipated 650 students ages 5-18, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include rehearsals, performances, classes, special events, and summer programs. Participants will engage in weekly orchestra/band rehearsals, instrument classes, sectionals, chamber groups, concerto competition, outreach events and gala concerts. Participants of the program will benefit from increased instrumental and performance skills.

Grant #11 : - Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.

169 E Flagler ST #1134
Miami, Florida 33131

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Guitars Over Guns programs for 300 students ages 11-18, at middle and high schools in North Miami, Allapattah, Overtown, Wynwood, Liberty City, Little Havana, and Cutler Bay. Activities include social-emotional learning, music instruction, performance, recording, and music video production. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship and showcase opportunities.

Grant #12 : - Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 Terracw
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Kinad's year-round Mobile Museum program serving 9,300 children and youth ages 6–16 from communities across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits meant to introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective and cultural traditions.

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Grant #13 : - Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

1533 Sunset DR STE 215
Coral Gables, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Miami Children's Chorus program for 140 students ages 8-18, in Coral Gables, Miami Beach, South Miami, the City of Miami, and at the Arsht Center. Program activities will include rehearsals, concerts, workshops, and community sing-alongs. Participants will explore standard and experimental forms of choral music and benefit by developing musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, and artistry.

Grant #14 : - Miami Dance Project, Inc

6840 SW 81 TERR
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Miami Dace Project's scholarship program for 250 students ages 5-18, with programs taking place at the Miami Dance Project studio and eight outreach sites in South Miami-Dade. Program activities will include ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern dance, and yoga. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history knowledge, literacy skills, and social and emotional development.

Grant #15 : - Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

PO Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Momentum Dance Company's educational children's programming for 1,682 students ages 3-17, at Perrine Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle, Southwest High and the Carrie Meek Community Center. A performance series at the Coral Gables Public Library and four other libraries throughout Miami-Dade County will also be presented. Participants will benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes, rehearsals and performances.

Grant #16 : - Miami Music Project, Inc

2125 Biscayne BLVD #340
Miami, Florida 33137

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Project's programs serving 750 students ages 6-18, and taking place at Miami Music Project's community-based chapters in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Little Havana, Miami Gardens, and Miami Springs. Program activities will include classical music instruction culminating in a series of public performances. Students will engage in music and benefit from skills key to positive development and in turn, improve academic performance and providing opportunities to give back to the community.

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Grant #17 : - Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

11155 SW 112 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Stage Company's program activities serving 850 students ages 5-19, year round at three locations in Coral Gables, Kendall and Cutler Bay. Program activities will include acting, singing, dancing and technical lessons as well as the staging of 15 main stage productions over the year. Participants will engage in classes, summer camps and main stage productions and benefit from performing and learning from experienced faculty.

Grant #18 : - Miami Theater Center Inc.

9806 NE 2 AVE
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support program activities for 12,605 students ages 0-22, at the Miami Theater Center (MTC) in Miami Shores and surrounding areas. Program activities include live theater/other arts presentations, post-performance talk backs with artists, MTC teaching artist-led in-school workshops, playwriting residencies, camps and hospital visits. Participants will engage in theater, music and dance and benefit from increased communication skills, creativity and teamwork.

Grant #19 : - Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

9210 SW 158 LANE
Miami, Florida 33157

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Youth Ballet's season for 180 students ages 8-18 in Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Kendall, and Homestead. Programs include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Past Present and Future and Dance Creative workshop and free master classes, all at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. Participants will receive expert coaching/training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and guidance towards professionalism in dance.

Grant #20 : - Miami Youth for Chamber Music, Inc.

12724 SW 204 ST
Miami, Florida 33177

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Youth for Chamber Music's program activities for 180 students ages 5-18, at public schools, Florida International University, Coral Gables Marriott, St. Luke's Church in Kendall, Coral Gables, South and Southwest Miami. Program activities will include Chamber Music and preparatory classes. Participants will engage in public concerts and develop skills in public engagement, musical proficiency while developing confidence, responsibility, and team-building collaboration.

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Grant #21 : - Musically, Inc.

6701 SW 80 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Musically's music classes, theory/piano lab, orchestras, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 600 students ages 2-18, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music programs, performances, and workshops and benefit by refining their knowledge of music and their instrumental skills deriving in improvements not only socially but also academically.

Grant #22 : - National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.

2100 Biscayne BLVD
Miami, Florida 33137

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support YoungArts programs for 3,500 students ages 15-18, at the YoungArts Campus, New World Center and other venues across the County. Program activities will include master classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions, and in-school presentations. Participants will engage in the visual, performing, literary and design arts, benefiting from enhanced appreciation of the arts and personal engagement with skilled artists.

Grant #23 : - PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hip-hop, Inc.

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, Florida 33167

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support PATH to Hip Hop's annual programs serving 3,000 students ages 12-19, at Miami Bridge, Dade Juvenile Detention Center, Miami-Dade County Foster and Parent's Association, Edison Senior High School in Homestead, Flagami, Allapattah, Wynwood, Downtown Miami and Liberty City. Program activities will include workshops and performances. Participants will engage in emcee/spoken word, music production, dance and visual art and benefit from ensemble building, career development and arts administration skills.

Grant #24 : - South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.

12600 SW 130 Street #9-10
Miami, Florida 33186

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Center for Percussive Arts' youth programs for children ages 18 months-18 years, at the South Florida Center for Percussive Arts in West Kendall. Program activities will include music instruction, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. Participants will engage in learning, playing, and enjoying music through the use of the percussion family and benefit from the consistency, concentration, and teamwork required to make, perform, and experience music together.

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Grant #25 : - South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

12645 SW 114 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music training and community performances for approximately 200 students ages 3-21, at the Miami Dade College North Campus. Program activities include musical instrument training, and presenting concerts. Participants will engage in weekend classes on Sunday afternoons, and benefit from studying with professional musicians and teachers from the South Florida area.

Grant #26 : - The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.

14401 Old Cutler Road
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support choral music education for 100 students ages 7-21, at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay and Branches, Inc. in Florida City. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, four major concerts and participation in community events throughout Miami and beyond. Participants will engage in choral performances and benefit from increased musicianship skills and personal growth.

Grant #27 : - The Motivational Edge, Inc.

2103 Coral Way FL-2
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support The Motivational Edge's annual programming serving 3,000+ youth ages 4-21, at The Motivational Edge's new Allapattah Campus and at various other sites such as: foster homes, juvenile justice centers, homeless shelters, residential treatment centers and schools. Program activities include: lyrical expression, music production, music instruction, urban arts, and dance expression. Participants will receive mentoring, job readiness, and life skill initiatives to grow and develop through the arts.

Grant #28 : - The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

7900 SW 34 St.
Miami, Florida 33155

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support The Roxy Theatre Group's programs serving 100 students ages 8-23, at the ROXY and FIU's Theatre in West Kendall and West Miami Dade. Program activities will include musicals, a winter and summer recital, student showcases. Participants will engage in classes and workshops in ballet, tap, contemporary, hip hop, acrobatics, acting, musical theatre, improvisation, and singing and benefit from arts techniques in their respective disciplines and social skills.

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Grant #29 : - The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

5818 SW 73 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Thomas Armour Youth Ballet's *Dance as a Vehicle to Success* for over 500 students, ages 5-18 at 5 sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens and Perrine. Participants engage in ballet, tap, modern and alternate dance genres, with literacy and math programs offered at 4 satellite locations. Students will achieve mastery of dance skills and learn discipline, consistency, focus and the delay of gratification.

Grant #30 : - Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

4400 Palm LN
Miami, Florida 33137

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Young Musicians Unite's annual programs serving 1,000 students ages 10-18, at the Young Men's Preparatory, Booker T. Washington, Jose De Diego Middle School, Coral Gables High School, Miami Edison High School, Carol City Middle school and others locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes on learning an instrument, leadership development through music, and performances. Participants will engage in music programs and benefit from music education and performance opportunities.
