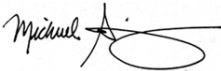


Memorandum



Date: November 16, 2016
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2016-2017 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 29 grants for a total of \$160,000.00 from the FY 2016-2017 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2016-2017 Community Grants program panel chaired by Deputy Director Deborah Margol convened on November 3, 2016, to review 29 applications requesting \$229,250.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 29 applicants for a total of \$160,000.00.

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
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Grant Award Recommendations**

1 Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company

Recommended Award: \$5,895

8849 SW 132 Street
Miami, Florida 33176

Ailey Dancer Jamar Roberts returns to Miami to Mentor Next Generation of Dance Artists

01/01/2017-03/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support a dance project with Ailey dancer Jamar Roberts, who will come back to his Miami hometown for a 6-week artist residency with Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company (AFLDC) at AFLDC's Studio during which he will work with 150 dance students, teach technique classes and choreograph a new work to be performed at Miami-Dade County Auditorium along with other of his choreographic works. These events are open to the public.

2 Big Blue & You, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,074

212 NE 154 Street
Miami, Florida 33162

ArtSea (Art by the Sea) Festival

03/04/2017-03/04/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support Big Blue & You's 6th ArtSea Festival, a free event at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park that aims to engage youth ages 5-18, with a particular focus on underserved communities and at-risk youth in Miami-Dade and surrounding counties. Participants will work side by side with local artists to create art projects focusing on ocean conservation using materials from the ocean, recyclable items, and other elements. This event is open to the public.

3 Borscht Corp.

Recommended Award: \$11,791

4600 NE 1 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33137

BORSCHT FILM FESTIVAL

02/23/2017-02/26/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 7*

Funds are requested to support the 10th edition of the Borscht Film Festival (BFF), which produces and showcases the work of local filmmakers and artists that go beyond typical portrayals of Miami. BFF also produces regional filmmaking workshops, concert series, and site-specific screenings. The festival is set to take place across Miami-Dade County including Miami Marine Stadium, New World Center and Soundscape Park, and Olympia Theater. BFF is free and open to the public.

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4 Branches, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,070

11500 NW 12 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33168
2017 MLK Remix
01/02/2017-01/28/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the 2017 MLK Remix, a multicultural and educational festival to be held at the Bethel Gibson Community Center. It will highlight diverse aspects of Black History through music and dance, showcase performances by talented Miami youth, engage families and children in learning through hands-on arts/cultural activities and educate the public about services available to local residents. The event is free of charge and open to the public.

5 Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,852

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326
Singing at Sylvester
01/20/2017-04/21/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2*

Funds are requested to support Singing at Sylvester, which will be the 5th performance of a free concert event at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. As part of the Center's Integrative Medicine program, a small ensemble of Brazilian Voices singers visits Sylvester regularly to bring soothing music to patients both bedside and during chemotherapy. The concert proposed herein aims to give the wider public a sample of what the musical healing experience is like for these patients. The concert is free and open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

6 Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$11,791

4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137
20th Annual Miami Jewish Film Festival
01/12/2017-01/26/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5*

Funds are requested to support the 20th Annual Miami Jewish Film Festival (MJFF), which brings filmmakers, educators, and industry professionals to Miami to interact with audiences through screenings of award-winning films, panel discussions, and other special events. The 2017 Festival will occur over 13 days, with 70 screenings held across Miami-Dade County at Regal Cinemas South Beach, O Cinema Miami Shores, Miami Beach Cinemateque, Coral Gables Art Cinema, Bill Cosford Cinema, Miami Beach JCC, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center,

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Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, New World Symphony Soundscape, Temple Beth Am, and Temple Beth Sholom. MJFF redefines the term festival with its year-round programs beyond its annual 13-day celebration of film.

7 COMPOSITUM MUSICAE NOVAE, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

12283 SW 144 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33186
Compositum Musicae Novae Season IV
01/13/2017-08/15/2017

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

Funds are requested to support the CMN Season IV Concert Series. Events include three free concerts at the Coral Gables Museum, one free concert at Pinecrest Gardens, one free concert at the Miami VA Medical Center, four CMN Children's Concerts at selected Miami-Dade County schools and three free concerts at St. Bede Episcopal Chapel. Through these free to the public events, CMN will not only promote the works of living artists but also expand public awareness of new art in a fun and accessible environment.

8 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade & Festivities Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,860

P.O. Box 380358
Miami, Florida 33238
Dr. Martin Luther King Parade & Festival
01/16/2017-01/16/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Annual MLK Holiday Parade & Community Festival, an annual parade that brings the community together for the national holiday and the festivities that cement the values Dr. King advocated for during his life. The parade will take place through Liberty City/Brownsville on MLK Boulevard and is open to the public.

9 Florida Guitar Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

2920 SW 28 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33133
Florida Guitar Foundation Concert Season and Guitar Competition
01/04/2017-06/02/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6 & 7*

Funds are requested to support the Florida Guitar Foundation's 2016-2017 Concert Season, International Guitar Competition, master classes, "open mic" sessions open to the community, guitar ensemble, technique workshops, and outreach performances. There will be 3 performances by world-renowned artists, including the legendary

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Manuel Barrueco. These concerts, taking place at Clarke Recital Hall and St. Philip's Episcopal Church, will be ticketed. All other events are free and open to the public.

10 Fotomission, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,358

P.O. Box 190095
Miami Beach, Florida 33119
13th South Beach Photomathon
03/19/2017-03/19/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support the 13th South Beach Photomathon, a photography event open where participants take a series of photographs on predetermined topics in a set period of time. Photos are downloaded straight from the camera, and judged later by photography professors, using criteria that combines creativity and photographic technique in interpreting the topic. This event will be held at Miami Design Preservation League and open to the public.

11 Global Arts Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$1,575

19477 NE 10 Avenue
North Miami Beach, Florida
Artscape
01/01/2017-02/28/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support the Artscape concert series presenting culturally diverse music forms from United States, Brazil, Latin America, the Caribbean and Haiti. All performances are free and open to the public.

12 Haitian American Youth Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,144

10840 SW 121 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
19th Annual Fete Culturelle Creole, a Cultural Extravaganza
01/01/2017-03/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11*

Funds are requested to support the 19th Annual Fete Culturelle Creole, a Cultural Extravaganza featuring Haitian American youth who reside in Kendall. This cultural event will take place at Florida International University's Ballroom and is open to the public.

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13 Juggerknot Theatre Corporation

Recommended Award: \$5,895

104 Santander Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

LOCAL IMPACT: MEDICINE TO ROCK YOUR SOUL PART 2
01/09/2017-07/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 7*

Funds are requested to support Medicine To Rock Your Soul, Part 2. The project's goal is to relieve stress related to Alzheimer's caregiving by immersing caregivers into the cultural heartbeat of Miami. For six months, caregivers are teamed with Art Ambassadors, including musicians, actors, writers, filmmakers and visual artists. Meetings take place at Coral Gables Youth Center, MADE at the Citadel and Pérez Art Museum Miami. A documentary and photo series will be exhibited to the public, highlighting how access to the local arts community positively impacts caregivers' lives. This event will be open to the public.

14 Hispanic-American Lyric Theatre, Inc. a/f/a for Kaleidoscope MusArt, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

9130 SW 123 Avenue Court
Miami FL, 33186

CROSSROADS
01/17/2017-04/11/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support Kaleidoscope MusArt in carrying out the CROSSROADS project, which consists of five concerts featuring internationally-acclaimed young artists, and a masterclass with Eunmi Ko. The events will take place at the Steinway Piano Gallery Miami and Clarke Recital Hall, University of Miami. Two concerts and the masterclass will be offered with free admission. The remaining concerts are ticketed events. This event is open to the public.

15 Living Arts Trust, Inc. d/b/a O Cinema a/f/a for BISTOURY, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

44 NE 52 Street
Miami, Florida 33137

305 INTERNATIONAL IMPROV FEST
03/27/2017-04/01/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the 305 INTERNATIONAL IMPROV FEST (IIF), an annual festival that will promote the art of improvisation in performance and films. 305 IIF '17 will provide dancers, actors, musicians, and filmmakers the opportunity to collaborate in a multi-disciplinary fashion and integrate all art forms through improvisation. Performances will be free to the general public and will take place on the streets of Little Haiti and at the Inkub8 WhiteBox Theatre. This event is open to the public.

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16 Mind&Melody, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,358

8905 SW 102 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33176
Mind&Melody Music Project
01/06/2017-03/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7 & 8*

Funds are requested to support the creation of an interactive music program and concert for people with Alzheimer's and the community. The 3-month bilingual program will be brought to 48 participants with Alzheimer's in Downtown, Hialeah, and Coconut Grove. At the end of the program, an interactive, public ticketed-concert will be held at Easter Seals Downtown by the renowned musician Tony Succar. This event is open to the public.

17 Music in Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

2961 NE 185 Street
Aventura, Florida 33180
Music in Miami Concert Series 2016-2017
02/12/2017-07/23/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support Music in Miami's Concert Series, which will present a wide variety of music from chamber music to holiday to world jazz and a family concert in a public setting where everyone is invited. The programs are designed to both educate and entertain the public, as well as expose children to live classical music while providing pieces of music history. The public concerts will be held at Trinity Cathedral and HistoryMiami.

18 National Tropical Botanical Garden, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,559

4013 Douglas Road
Miami, Florida 33133
David Fairchild: The Legacy of Plant Exploration
01/14/2017-03/16/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support 'The Legacy of David Fairchild,' a program that includes two Free Family Days at The Kampong in Coconut Grove. Visitors will be able to attend lectures and workshops in local Miami history, horticultural and gardening workshops, tours of the botanical garden and the historical sites at The Kampong. This event is open to the public.

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19 NWD Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

6820 SW 65 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33143
Art Changes People/People Change the World
01/23/2017-03/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 9*

Funds are requested to support Art Changes People/People Change the World, a project that highlights the correlation between an urban ecosystem and that of a coral reef. A site-specific artwork and performance will be created through artists' residencies. These residencies will take place at Jose de Diego Middle School and Booker T. Washington High School and will involve the design and creation of a large scale image of a coral reef realized with the students' involvement and animated through the movement of dancers and a marching band. This event will be open to the public.

20 Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,502

6401 SW 87 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
South Miami Rotary Art Festival
02/25/2017-02/26/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the 34th Annual South Miami Rotary Art Festival, a free, outdoor arts and crafts festival. The festival features 150 juried artists, jazz onstage, 11 food vendors, and a children's area. It is free to the public and attracts close to 25,000 visitors over the two-day weekend. The festival takes place on Sunset Drive between Red Road and US 1 just across US 1 from the South Miami Metrorail station. The event is open and free to the public.

21 Shakespeare in the Park Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,860

330 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Free Shakespeare in the Park - The Merchant of Venice
01/02/2017-02/19/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7 & 11*

Funds are requested to support Shakespeare Miami's free mainstage production of The Merchant of Venice, by William Shakespeare, and the attendant educational programs for school children and the general public at Pinecrest Gardens and The Barnacle State Historic Park.

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22 South Florida Bluegrass Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

20533 Biscayne Boulevard
Aventura, Florida 33180
South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass@the Park
01/01/2017-03/19/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4 & 8*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Bluegrass Association's (SFBA) outreach events at Greynolds Park in North Miami Beach and Phil's Berry Farm in the Redlands. The SFBA hosts a free, monthly festival at Greynolds Park, the first Sunday of every month, featuring local bluegrass bands. Phil's Berry Farm events are informal jam sessions, with an audience, consisting of musicians of all skill levels. These events are open to the public.

23 South Florida National Parks Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$1,575

1390 South Dixie Highway
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park
02/24/2017-09/30/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

Funds are requested to support the Community Artist Program at Biscayne National Park. The Community Artist Program showcases the work of local artists inspired by South Florida's national parks. Three exhibitions of original art are planned for the 2017 season starting in February. The shows will be open to the public, free of charge.

24 St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,537

P.O. Box 836225
Miami, Florida 33283
St. Patrick's Day Festival
03/11/2017-03/11/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the free St. Patrick's Day Festival, to provide all Miami-Dade County residents a special day showcasing Irish culture and heritage with Irish songs, bands playing Irish and folk music, Irish dancers, and a marching pipe and drum band. This event is a family-oriented Festival which is free and open to all. The traditional music, dancing and marching will give onlookers a chance to experience Irish culture in Miami-Dade County. The event will take place at the Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park.

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25 St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community

Recommended Award: \$3,537

2401 SW 3 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129
St. Sophia Greek Festival of Miami
02/24/2017-02/26/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the annual St. Sophia Greek Festival of Miami which shares and preserves the rich Greek heritage and culture through traditional foods, music, dancing, wines and cuisine. This event is open to all of South Florida and is on the grounds of the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church located on Coral Way and 24th Road. This event is open to the public.

26 The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for 4Ward Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,895

40 NW 3 Street
Miami, Florida 33128
Gay8 Festival
01/13/2017-01/15/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the Gay8 Festival, a Hispanic LGBT art, music and street festival in Little Havana, on Calle Ocho from 14th to 17th Avenues. The Festival attracted 17,000 in its first year. Guests will be able to walk from one musical event to another, take a historical walking tour, stop in a local gallery or watch a film at no cost. Guests can also enjoy pop-up theatrical and dance performances throughout the festival. This event is open to the public.

27 United Jewish Generations, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,930

16820 NE 6 Court
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162
Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE)
01/29/2017-01/29/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4*

Funds are requested to support the Grand Klezmer Concert. This concert has been a major hit for the senior citizens and especially for those on a tight budget. Klezmer music is a real delight for those of Eastern European descent. The entertainers are from the Tekiah Orchestra. The location for the concert is the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theatre in North Miami Beach. The event is open to the public.

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28 Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens

Recommended Award: \$7,860

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156
13th Annual Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival
01/21/2017-01/22/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8*

Funds are requested to support the 13th Annual Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival to be held at the beautiful Pinecrest Gardens. This event is one of Florida's premiere juried art shows and will feature original art from 75 nationally and internationally recognized visual artists, as well as premiere jazz concerts, food, children's activities and the popular farmer's market.

29 Waving Hands, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,817

P.O. Box 440996
Miami, Florida 33144
American Sign Language Literacy Festival
03/17/2017-03/18/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the ASL Literacy Festival, an event where storytellers, children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their parents as well as community members will engage in workshops, presentations, storytelling and awareness activities for the whole community. This event will take place at Joseph Caleb Auditorium and is open to the public.

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