

Memorandum



Date: June 17, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2020-21 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the long-term impact of Covid-19 on public programs scheduled to begin after October 1, 2020, staff advised the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Program panel at the panel's orientation to review and score 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. The award recommendations will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2020-2021 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all the Spring cycle grants program panels have convened and preliminary FY 2020-2021 budget numbers are received.

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2020-2021 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2020. At that time the Department will assess the grantee's feasibility of presenting public programs in traditional venues and performing 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.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 31 grants from the FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Friday, May 15, 2020 to review 31 applications requesting a total of \$2,250,000. The Panel recommended funding all 31 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.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2020-21 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Award Recommendations**

Grant #1 : All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. dba 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 4,175 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' Youth Drum Line program for 120 students ages 7 – 18, at the Betty T. Ferguson Complex and North Dade Regional Library in Miami Gardens. The *FIND YOUR BEAT!* outreach program will engage 1,500 youth and families with free monthly performances and art exhibitions to improve the quality of life through the arts.

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 programs for over 800 children plus numerous adults and audience members during this year-round curriculum held at Jose Marti Park and Shenandoah Park in the City of Miami. Program activities include two-hour afterschool classes and a seven-week summer program. Participants will engage in music instruction, performances, fitness, music literature and life skills.

Grant #4 : Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba 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 large-scale theatre productions. Participants will engage in theatre-based learning, encompassing acting, singing, dancing, and theater tech, and will benefit 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' dance programs for 325 students ages 3 - 18, and 6 dancers ages 18 - 22, at Ballet Etudes studios, Lou Rawls Center for Performing Arts, and other venues in Hialeah, Miami Lakes, and Miami Gardens. Program activities will include performances and dance training. Participants will engage in dance instruction focused on classical ballet, and benefit from discipline, focus, teamwork, performing, musicality, and physical conditioning.

Grant #6 : Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194 Street
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, contemporary, 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.

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 8 - 15 at enFAMILIA, in Homestead and Florida City. Activities include multidisciplinary arts classes, exhibits and performances where students engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts. Students will benefit from learning various arts skills, as well as the causes, consequences and solutions to substance abuse and 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 25,000 students ages 0 - 17, at the Sandrell Rivers Theater, and various 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 and film camp for 125 students ages 13 - 18, at various schools located in Miami, Hialeah, South Miami, and the Coral Gables Art Cinema. Program activities will include all aspects of filmmaking as an art/career path. Participants will engage in screenwriting, directing and cinematography and benefit from literacy and working together as a team to produce short films.

Grant #10 : Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.

P.O. Box 650027
Miami, Florida 33265

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

Funds are requested to support Music FUNdamentals for 475 students ages 3 - 8, at Frederick Douglass Elementary in Overtown, Tropical Elementary in Olympia Heights, Bent Tree Elementary in west Kendall, and Key Biscayne K-8 Center in Key Biscayne. Project activities will include singing, playing instruments, and movement. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from age-appropriate activities stimulating learning and enjoyment while enhancing brain development.

Grant #11 : Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset DR
Miami, Florida 33143

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

Funds are requested to support instrument classes, ensembles, after-school and camp programs and numerous public performances for 650 students ages 5 - 18, at locations throughout Miami-Dade. Program activities include instrumental instruction, music theory, and group playing. Diverse students will engage in rehearsals and performances and benefit from learning concentration, cognitive skills, teamwork and mutual respect.

Grant #12 : 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 450 students ages 9 - 18, at middle and high schools in North Miami, Miami Gardens, Carol City, Allapattah, Overtown, Liberty City, Homestead, Little Havana, Cutler Bay, and select community-based organization sites. Activities include instruction, performance, recording, and music video production. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship and showcase opportunities.

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Grant #13 : Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 TERR
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 cultural arts program for 9,300 children and youth ages 6 - 16 from communities across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits, with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective, cultural traditions and addressing obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart attack or heart diseases due to poor diets.

Grant #14 : 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 - 22, in Coral Gables, Miami Beach, South Miami, the City of Miami, and at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. Program activities will include rehearsals, concerts, workshops, and community sing-along events. Participants will explore standard and experimental forms of choral music and benefit by developing musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, and artistry.

Grant #15 : Miami Dance Project, Inc

8619 S Dixie Highway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

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

Funds are requested to support Miami Dance Project's scholarship program for over 600 students ages 5 - 18, at the main office and seven 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 #16 : 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 educational programming and a public performance series for 1,700 students ages 3 - 17, and families totaling 8,160, at Perrine Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle, Southwest Highschool, Carrie Meek Community Center, Ferguson Highschool, Coral Gables Public Library and other libraries throughout Miami-Dade County. Participants will benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes, rehearsals and performances.

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Grant #17 : Miami Music Festival, Inc.

16420 SW 91st Avenue
Miami, Florida 33157

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

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Festival's programs for 300 students ages 14 - 25, at venues and schools throughout Miami Beach. Program activities will include over 75 performances, masterclasses, private lessons, fully-staged productions, recital events, and pop up public concerts. Participants will engage in opera, symphonic music, and programmatic piano music and benefit from performance experience in a professional environment.

Grant #18 : Miami Music Project, Inc.

2000 S. Dixie Hwy. Suite 100B
Miami, Florida 33133

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

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Project (MMP) mserving 850 students ages 6 - 18, at MMP's community-based chapters in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Little Havana, Miami Gardens, Miami Springs, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include classical music instruction culminating in many performances. Students will engage in music and benefit from improvement in skills key to positive development, improving academic performance, community engagement, and future prospects.

Grant #19 : 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 Children's Theater program activities for 850 students ages 5 - 19 at the Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Miami Theater Center and Coral Gables United Methodist Church located in Miami, Coral Gables and Miami Shores, respectively. Activities will include classes, main stage productions and theater-themed summer camps. Participants will engage in artistic and technical theater instruction which leads to team-building, time management, self-esteem and creative communication.

Grant #20 : 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 Miami Theater Center's (MTC) program activities for 18,600 students ages 0 - 22 , at MTC in Miami Shores. Program activities will include live theater presentations, post-performance talk back sessions with artists, Steam+ program, in-school workshops, intensive playwriting residencies, camps and hospital visits. Participants will engage in theater, music and dance activities and benefit from increased communication skills, creativity and teamwork.

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Grant #21 : 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. Public performance programs include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Past Present and Future and Dance Creative workshop and free masterclasses, 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 #22 : Musicall, Inc.

6701 SW 80 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

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

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

Grant #23 : 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 throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include master classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions and in-school presentations. Participants will take part in the visual, literary and performing arts, and benefit from enhanced appreciation of the arts and personal engagement with skilled artists.

Grant #24 : PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching HipHop, 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 for 2,000 students ages 13 - 18, at Miami-Dade Public Libraries, The Lightbox, Juvenile Justice Center, Miami Bridge, Tru Prep Academy and Museum of Graffiti, in Downtown Miami, North Miami, Wynwood, and Miami Gardens. Program activities include workshops, performances and arts literacy. Participants will engage in Hip Hop visual and performing arts and benefit from collaboration, career development and arts administration skills.

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Grant #25 : South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.

12770 SW 125th Ave #101
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.

Grant #26 : 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 250 students ages 3 - 22, at Miami Dade College North Campus. Program activities include music instrument training, playing concerts, and small ensemble performance. Student participants will engage in weekend classes on Sunday afternoons, and benefit from studying with professional musicians and teachers from the south Florida area.

Grant #27 : 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 125 students ages birth – 18 years, at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay and Branches, Inc. in Florida City. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, four major public 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 #28 : 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 positive youth development programming for 3000+ Miami-Dade County youth ages 4 - 20, throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include various multidisciplinary cultural arts experiences. Participants will engage in culturally relevant arts programming that intertwines mentoring, life-skill development, health and wellness components and job readiness development within the curricula.

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Grant #29 : 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 for 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, and 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.

Grant #30 : The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.

5818 SW 73 Street
Miami, Florida 33143

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

Funds are requested to support "Dance as a Vehicle to Success" for over 1,000 students ages 5 - 18, at five sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Grove, Miami Gardens, and Perrine. Program activities will include instruction in ballet, tap, modern dance, hip hop, West African, and alternate styles of dance. Participants will engage in dance, reading, and homework assistance and benefit from discipline, consistency, focus, delayed gratification, and improved reading skills.

Grant #31 : Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

527 West 46th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

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

Funds are requested to support Young Musicians Unite for 2,000 students ages 10 - 18, at Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Carol City Middle School, Booker T. Washington Senior Highschool, Fienberg Fisher K-8, and other locations in Wynwood, Carol City, Opa-Locka, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include in-school music education, performances, peer-to-peer mentoring, and team-building activities. Participants will engage in youth development through music education and benefit from the positive effects of learning an instrument.