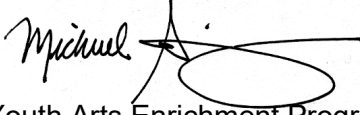


**Date:** July 17, 2019

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring 

**Subject:** FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 31 grants for a total of \$500,000.00 from the FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

## BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on July 11, 2019 to review 32 applications requesting a total of \$633,330.00. The Panel recommended funding 31 applications for a total of \$500,000.00. One (1) application scored below the threshold established by the Panel and was not recommended for funding.

YEP was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust. The objective of the YEP Grants Program is to enrich the lives of children through the arts by making the arts available to more children and families throughout Miami-Dade County, whereby children will have opportunities to have positive live arts experiences through:

- Arts Instruction
- Arts Intervention
- Healing/Expressive Arts
- In-school Arts Residencies and Performances
- Out-of-School/Public Arts Exhibitions and Performances

Applicants to this program must have a minimum two-year track record of providing high quality, cultural arts programs for children and/or youth. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

YEP is structured into three funding categories:

**CATEGORY A:** Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts, such as sequential arts instruction, after-school arts programs, in-school arts residency programs, etc. These projects must be able to measure the impact of repeated participation in these programs on the students over the project period. **Applicants in Category A may request up to \$30,000.**

**CATEGORY B:** Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for arts enrichment experiences for children and youth. **Applicants in Category B may request \$10,000.**

**CATEGORY C:** Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that serve children, youth and young adults with disabilities through inclusive arts and cultural programs so that kids of all abilities and their families can participate fully in the arts. **Applicants in Category C may request up to \$20,000.**

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact, 2) artistic merit, 3) management and financial capability, and 4) reach, giving priority attention to: projects that address children whose ability to participate in such programs may be limited by geography, economics or disability; and projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

Funding for the YEP program is derived from the FY 2019-2020 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. 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.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)**  
**FY 2019-2020 Grant Award Recommendations**

**1 - Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$19,721**

15939 Biscayne Boulevard

North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

*Arts Ballet goes to School at Ojus Elementary*

*Grant funds will be used to support the third year of Arts Ballet goes to Ojus Elementary School for 40 students ages PreK to 5th Grade, at Ojus Elementary School in North Miami for a resident program of 22 weeks.*

*Children will learn the basics of ballet and other dance styles. The program includes an introduction to ballet appreciation, the theory of dance, ballet vocabulary, and Russian ballet style.*

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**2 - ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation**

**Recommended Award: \$27,000**

5825 SW 68 Street, Suite 2 - Office 202

Miami, Florida 33143

*ArtSouth's Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC) Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC) program for 300 students ages 5-17, October 1, 2019 -May 22, 2020 at Gibson Bethel Community Center, Mt. Olive Baptist Church in South Miami CRA and at Miami Bridge and Chapman Partnership in Homestead. Project activities will include classes, workshops, mural-making and field-trips. Participants will engage in visual arts, music and dance and benefit from 2D and 3D design, assemblage, drawing, painting, singing, dancing and playing instruments.*

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**3 - Brazilian Voices Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$20,000**

1792 Bell Tower Lane

Weston, Florida 33326

*Brazilian Voices' "Healing Bossa Nova for Kids"*

*Grant funds will be used to support Brazilian Voices - Healing Bossa Nova for Kids for 2,500 students ages 0 to 21, from October 2019 through May 2020 at the UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center - Alex's Place and Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. Project activities will include music, singing and playing little percussion instruments. Participants will engage in music and benefit from songs with percussion instruments. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

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**4 - City Theatre, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

444 Brickell Avenue, Suite 229

Miami, Florida 33131

*The Short Cuts Tour 2019-2020*

*Grant funds will be used to support expansion of The Short Cuts Tour to 30,000 students in middle and high schools during the 2019-2020 school year at schools and service organizations throughout Miami-Dade County.*

*Project activities include free performances in the schools/at the centers featuring 10-minute plays created specifically for these age groups. Participants will engage in pre- and post-performance classroom activities. For many, the Tour provides their first exposure to live theater.*

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**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)  
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5 - **Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$30,000**  
3010 De Soto Boulevard  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
*CAP Miami Jazz Institute Improv Initiative II*  
*Grant funds will be used to support the "CAP Miami Jazz Institute Improv Initiative II" for 110 students ages 10-18, from across Miami-Dade County, October 5, 2019 - May 25, 2020 at Coral Gables Congregational Church. Project activities will include twice-weekly harmony classes, instrument coaching, and jam sessions. Participants will explore unique musical ideas, and benefit from skills that create freedom of expression over many styles, to build well-rounded musicians for today's varied performance demands.*

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6 - **El Ingenio Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$12,507**  
6300 SW 20 Terrace  
Miami, Florida 33155  
*Centro Mater Arts Education Project*  
*Grant funds will be used to support the "Centro Mater Arts Education Project " program for 50 students, ages from 5 to 12, from October 2, 2019 to May 29, 2020 at the Centro Mater in Little Havana. Project activities will include theater, dance, music, and drawing. Participants will engage in painting, singing, dancing, acting, and stage makeup. Children learn through art activities on how to improve their skills and how to use them in a full theater production.*

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7 - **Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$19,756**  
P.O. Box 650027  
Miami, Florida 33265  
*Music FUNdamentals*  
*Grant funds will be used to support Music FUNdamentals for 550 students ages 3-8, October 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020 at Frederick Douglass Elementary in Overtown, Tropical Elementary in Olympia Heights, and Bent Tree Elementary in West Kendall. Project activities will include singing, playing instruments, and movement. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from age-appropriate musical activities stimulating learning and enjoyment while enhancing brain development and coordination.*

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8 - **Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.**      **Recommended Award: \$7,179**  
2100 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
*The Bass IDEAS Studio Art Program*  
*Grant funds will be used to support The Bass IDEAS Studio Art Program for 55 students ages 7-18, from October 5, 2019 – April 26, 2020 at The Bass in Miami Beach. Project activities will include weekly studio art classes encouraging foundational portfolio building, as well as a local artist-led discussion group and annual exhibition of artwork. Participants will engage in an immersive four-month course and will benefit from studio practice, group critiques and exposure to varied artistic media.*

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**9 - Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$17,800**

8700 SW 112 Street

Miami, Florida 33176

*The Friendship Circle Band*

*Grant funds will be used to support The Friendship Circle Band for 30 students with disabilities ages 6-18, October 9, 2019 - May 20, 2020 at the Friendship Circle in Kendall. Project activities will include playing instruments, singing and musical games. Participants will engage in musical activities and benefit from learning tunes, musical melody, playing instruments and following rhythms all while making friends.*

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**10 - GableStage, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

1200 Anastasia Avenue, # 230

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

*GableStage's 2020 Page to Stage School Tour*

*Grant funds will be used to support GableStage's Page-to-Stage Tour production of OTHELLO for 8,000 students ages 12-18, February-April 2020 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools county-wide. Project activities will include performances, talkbacks, and a study guide. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit from experiencing a live theatre production, meeting and learning from theatre professionals, and hands-on experience of the curriculum through Shakespeare.*

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**11 - Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$17,975**

1103 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, Florida 33132

*Overtown Afterschool at PAMM*

*Grant funds will be used to support Overtown Afterschool at PAMM for 30 under-served students ages 11-15, participating in Overtown Youth Center and Touching Miami with Love, from October 2019 - May 2020 at PAMM, on downtown Miami's waterfront. Project activities will include painting, drawing, sculpture using found objects and clay, textiles, and photography. Participants will engage in a variety of projects across artistic media and benefit from improved social skills.*

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**12 - M Ensemble Company, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$9,420**

P.O. Box 1175

Miami, Florida 33168

*STUDENTS ON STAGE*

*Grant funds will be used to support Students on Stage for 25 students ages 6-12, March 5 to May 28, 2020 at the Sandrell Rivers Theater located in Liberty City. Project activities will include drama, dance/movement, and music for the stage. Participants will engage in theater games such as: improvisation and costumes, dance routines, and working with percussion instruments. Students learn how to perform on stage and experience the joy of personal and social development through the arts.*

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**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)  
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**13 - Mahogany Youth Corporation**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

1060 NW 85 Street

Miami, Florida 33150

*Connecting Youth With Nature*

*Grant funds will be used to support Connecting Youth To Nature for 300 students ages 6-18, October 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020 at the His House Children's Foster Care and The Miami Bridge Classrooms in Miami Gardens, Homestead and in Miami. Project activities will include fishing, hiking, life skills, and STEAM-based curriculum of integrating the arts and sciences. Students will benefit from hands-on learning about the environment and peer-to-peer mentoring.*

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**14 - Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

6767 Crandon Boulevard

Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

*A Day Where Art Meets Nature*

*Grant funds will be used to support A Day Where Art Meets Nature for 1,000 students ages 6-16, from October 1, 2019 - May 30, 2020 at the MSD Biscayne Nature Center on Key Biscayne. Project activities will include plein-aire painting, drawing, and sculpture, as well as dance and poetry. Participants will engage in observing colors and patterns in nature with an artist, creating beautiful art, and benefit from being outdoors and being creative while learning conservation of natural resources.*

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**15 - Miami City Ballet, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$27,000**

2200 Liberty Avenue

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*Ballet Bus Year 5: Long-Term Arts Education Scholarships*

*Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Bus for 40 students ages 7-13, from October 1, 2019 to May 30, 2020 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities include bus transportation and full tuition scholarships to study ballet. Participants will engage in immersive dance training for up to ten years and benefit from improved artistry, and social-emotional skills such as discipline, confidence, and teamwork that bridge the achievement gap for students at Title 1 schools.*

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**16 - Miami Light Project, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

P.O. Box 531385

Miami Shores, Florida 33153

*Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support our Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program for 300 students ages 13-18, from October 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020, at high schools, The Light Box, Colony Theater and Perez Art Museum Miami. Project activities will include workshops, master classes, dress rehearsals, performances and discussions. Participants will engage in music, theater and dance and benefit from acquiring new knowledge and technical skills in the arts through inspiring professional artists.*

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**17 - Miami New Drama, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

1040 Lincoln Road

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*Student Matinee Program expansion*

*Grant funds will be used to support Miami New Drama Student Matinee Program for 1,445 students ages 12-18, Oct 31, 2019-May 17, 2020 at the Colony Theatre in Miami Beach. Project activities will include a high quality professional theatre production and talkback. Participants will engage in live theater performance and benefit from engaging in the theater arts to build tools in empathy and challenging students to think critically about the presentation.*

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**18 - Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

18900 NE 25 Avenue

North Miami Beach, Florida 33180

*Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series (CCAS)*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series for 3,000 students, ages 5 - 12, from October 2019 - May 2020 at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include 4 professional theatre productions with Q & A, advanced classroom prep using a study guide and reading the book on which a show is based. Participants will experience the excitement of live educational, values-based theatre in a professional theater setting.*

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**19 - Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$18,406**

770 NE 125 Street

North Miami, Florida 33161

*MOCA Teen Art Force 2019-20*

*Grant funds will be used to support Teen Art Force, after-school enrichment activities for 25 students ages 13-18, at MOCA in North Miami between October 2019 and May 2020. Project activities include: advanced art and design classes, field trips and artist presentations and students will benefit from showcase projects such as MOCAZINE, an art exhibition, and a public art installation.*

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**20 - New World Symphony, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$15,220**

500 17 Street

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*MusicLab*

*Grant funds will be used to support MusicLab for 100 students ages 11-17, from October 2019 - May 2020 at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center in Bay Harbor Islands; Miami Beach Senior High School in Miami Beach; Miami Northwestern Senior High School in Liberty City; and Miami Music Project in Miami. Project activities will include free music lessons and mentorship. Participants will engage in music training with NWS Fellows and benefit from improved instrumental technique and teamwork skills.*

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**21 - Orchestra Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

P.O. Box 7598

Miami, Florida 33255

*Orchestra Miami/Carnegie Hall Link Up Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Orchestra Miami's "Carnegie Hall Link Up" program for 3,000 students ages 8-10, October 1, 2019 - March 6, 2020 at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and in various schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities include weekly lessons taught by MDCPS teachers, classroom activities with professional musicians, and a final concert where students perform with the orchestra. Participants will engage in music lessons as well as learning to play an instrument while learning more about classical music.*

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**22 - Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$13,200**

1235 NE 96 Street

Miami Shores, Florida 33138

*MMC Includes All Kids*

*Grant funds will be used to support MMC Includes all Kids for approximately 60 students ages 4 - 12, from January through April 2020 at Natural Bridge Elementary School in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include basic training in music and singing. Participants will engage in creating music and benefit from the discipline of performance.*

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**23 - Seraphic Fire, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$19,507**

2153 Coral Way, Suite 401

Miami, Florida 33145

*Seraphic Fire Youth Initiative: 2019-2020 Choral Education Residency*

*Grant funds will be used to support the 2019-2020 Choral Education Residency for 35 students ages 8-11, from October 1, 2019 to May 15, 2020 at North Miami Elementary. Project activities include instruction in music theory and vocal technique provided by professional Seraphic Fire singers and educators and the 2019-20 UM Choral Education Resident Teacher. Participants will engage in choral music singing and benefit from improved academic performance, enhanced life skills, and the inclusion of music in their lives.*

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**24 - SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

2201 Wilton Drive, Suite 12

Wilton Manors, Florida 33305

*SYMPHONY IN THE SCHOOLS 2019 / 2020*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Symphony in the Schools: Preserving the Coral Reef" for 1,913 students ages 6-13, from November 1-8, 2019 at Christina M. Eve Elementary, North Glades Elementary, Morningside K-8 Academy, Phyllis Wheatley Elementary and BridgePrep Academy. Project activities will include music educator sessions and symphony performances. Participants will engage in symphony performances and music while benefitting from science, tech, engineering, arts, math and (STEAM) integrated Coral Reef-themed learning activities. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

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**25 - The Dance NOW! Ensemble, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$19,756**

P.O. Box 416525

Miami Beach, Florida 33141

*Dance NOW! Miami Long Term Residency at Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High*

*Grant funds will be used to support Dance NOW! Miami's 10-week Public School Residency for 130 students ages 13-17, October 2019 - February 2020 at Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coachings, performance opportunities and attendance at a free performance by Dance Now! Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.*

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**26 - The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

11155 SW 112 Avenue

Miami, Florida 33176

*Pop Art! The Andy Warhol Studio*

*Grant funds will be used to support Pop Art! The Andy Warhol Studio for 1,200 students ages 4-11 from January 5 - May 5, 2020 at the Lisa Ann Watson Children's Discovery Museum in the Alper Jewish Community Center in Kendall, part of South Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include screen printing, stamping, die cutting, painting and role playing. Participants will engage in studio art skills and art history and benefit from critical thinking, developing art techniques, and appreciating innovation.*

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**27 - The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$27,000**

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157

*Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support 3, 10 week after-school programs for students ages 6-14, October 2, 2019 - May 27, 2020 at Deering Estate in Palmetto Bay. Activities with professional naturalists and artists will be documented through nature journals where students log their experiences through poetry, painting, drawing, and photography. Participants will learn about native Florida habitats, make connections to nature and document memories through integrated arts, environmental science, and outdoor play.*

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**28 - The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$30,000**

980 MacArthur Causeway

Miami, Florida 33132

*Arts Residency for Children with Autism*

*Grant funds will be used to support Arts Residency for Children with Autism for 104 students ages 5 - 18, October 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020 at the Miami Children's Museum in Miami. Project activities will include a classroom visit to learn what to expect at the Museum, a live performance in the auditorium, hands-on activities and a visit to several Museum galleries. Participants will engage in dance, music, performance and visual arts and benefit from developing communication and social skills.*

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**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)  
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**29 - The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$10,000**

3550 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 702

Miami, Florida 33137

*PIANO SLAM 12*

*Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 12 for 9,000 students ages 12-18, from October 2019 - April 2020 at schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include in school live music, poetry writing workshops, competition, and professional development. Participants will engage in music, poetry, and creative writing and benefit from language development, creative and scientific exploration using music, new research and citizen science on Miami's waterfronts.*

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**30 - The Opera Atelier, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$18,974**

2354 SW 8 Street

Miami, Florida 33135

*Close Encounters with Music: Creating through Sound*

*Grant funds will be used to support Close Encounters with Music: Creating through Sound, a sequential instructional program for 30 students ages 7-12 from October 2019 - March 2020 at BridgePrep Academy in Little Havana. Activities will include composition, the study of sound, music software, theory, piano and violin. Participants will engage in lessons and ensembles, developing artistry, academic skills, concentration and interpersonal skills through music.*

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**31 - University of Wynwood, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$19,579**

9825 NE 2 Avenue, #530249

Miami Shores, Florida 33153

*The Sunroom*

*Grant funds will be used to support The Sunroom for 140 students ages 8-10, from October to December 2019 and February to May 2020 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Liberty City, Westchester, and Morningside. Project activities will mix poetry with other art forms such as music, and visual art. Participants will engage in literary arts, performing arts, and visual arts and benefit from a love for writing and reading while also developing creative expression.*

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