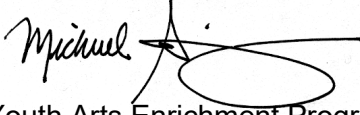


**Date:** September 21, 2022

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring 

**Subject:** FY 2022-2023 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 29 grants for a total of \$550,000.00 from the FY 2022-2023 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

## BACKGROUND

The FY 2022-2023 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on September 8, 2022 to review 32 applications requesting a total of \$615,820.00. The Panel recommended funding 29 applications for a total of \$550,000.00. Three (3) applications scored below the threshold established by the Panel and were 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 one-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 2022-2023 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Grant Award Recommendations**

1 - **Adrienne Arsht Center Trust, Inc. d/b/a Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County** **Recommended Award: \$20,000**

1300 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33132

*Accessing the Arts*

*Grant funds will be used to support Accessing the Arts for 200 students ages 3-18, October 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023 in ten Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Project activities will include performing arts skills that enhance academic, social, and personal development and growth. Participants will engage in music, drama, and dance, and benefit from rhythmic skill development, ensemble participation, singing, yoga and mindfulness, instrumental experiences, and creative movement.*

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2 - **Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$30,000**

15939 Biscayne Boulevard  
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

*Arts Ballet goes to School at Ojus Elementary*

*Grant funds will be used to support the fourth year of Arts Ballet goes to Ojus Elementary School for 40 students in 2nd and 3rd grades, at Ojus Elementary School in Miami for a resident program of 20 weeks. Children will learn the basics of ballet and other dance styles. The program includes an introduction to ballet appreciation, theory of dance, ballet vocabulary, and Russian ballet style.*

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3 - **ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation** **Recommended Award: \$30,000**

5825 SW 68 Street, #202  
South Miami, Florida 33143

*Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC)*

*Grant funds will be used to support 150 students ages 6-15, October 24, 2022 - May 19, 2023 at the Sweet Home Academy in Perrine, Gibson Bethel Community Center in South Miami CRA and Chapman Partnership in Homestead. Project activities will include drawing, painting, dancing, singing and playing musical instruments. Participants will engage in visual arts, music and dance and benefit from learning public performance and art exhibition.*

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4 - **Brazilian Voices Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$20,000**

1792 Bell Tower Lane  
Weston, Florida 33326

*"Music, Kids & Wellness"*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Music, Kids & Wellness" for 700 children/students with disabilities ages 0 to 21, October 1, 2022 - May30, 2023 at the Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Miami Learning Experiences School in Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include music, singing and playing percussion instruments. Participants will engage in healing/soothing music and benefit from songs with percussion instruments as well as some movements and rhythms that promote overall wellbeing. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.*

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**5 - Community Arts and Culture**

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

5401 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

*"Inheritants"*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Inheritants" portion of the Dia de los Muertos Celebration and Afro Roots Fest for 60 - 100 families, ages 1 to 18, on October 30, 2022 and at the Doral Yard and April 9, 2023 at the North Beach Bandshell. Project activities include free Afro indigenous workshops such as: a sugar skull station, community ancestral altar, pop up gallery, storytelling, face painting, dance and percussion workshops. Youth will learn about cultural and ancestral celebrations in our community.*

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**6 - 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 Creative Heights*

*Grant funds will be used to support "CAP Miami Jazz Institute Creative Heights" for 100 students ages 10-18, from across Miami-Dade County, October 1, 2022 - May 27, 2023 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 prepare well-rounded musicians for today's varied performance demands.*

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**7 - El Ingenio Inc.**

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

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 60 students, ages 6 to 12, from October 3, 2022 to May 16, 2023 at the Centro Mater East Center in Little Havana. Project activities will include theater, movement, music, and drawing. Participants will engage in painting, singing, dancing, acting, musical therapy, and makeup. Children will learn through art activities how to improve their skills and how to use them in a full, bilingual theater production.*

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**8 - Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.**

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

10901 Old Cutler Road  
Coral Gables, Florida 33156

*"Miami, My Garden"*

*Grant funds will support "Miami My Garden" for 1000 students ages 12-18 years, from October 1, 2022 through April 31, 2023, from schools across Miami-Dade County. The project activities will include students creating short-form films that reimagine their community as a botanic garden and will be displayed publicly via smartphone-accessible signage displayed throughout the community. Participants will engage in filmmaking and storytelling and benefit from working collaboratively, public speaking and environmental stewardship.*

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9 - **Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.**  
8700 SW 112 Street  
Miami, Florida 33176

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

*Friendship Circle Music Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Friendship Circle Music Program for 13 students with disabilities ages 6-22, from October 6, 2022 - May 24, 2023 at the Friendship Circle Campus in Miami. Project activities will include learning how to play various instruments, basic music theory and live performances. Participants will engage in music and benefit from learning how to play various instruments, socializing and building confidence amongst peers, learning music theory and developing fine and gross motor skills.*

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10 - **GableStage, Inc.**  
1200 Anastasia Avenue  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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

*GableStage 2023 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour*

*Grant funds will be used to support GableStage's 2023 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour for 6,500 students ages 12-18, February 1 - April 30, 2023 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools throughout the County. 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 - **Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.**  
11760 Southwest 72 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33156

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

*Inclusive Dance Comes to Your School*

*Grant funds will be used to support five in-school, ten-week dance residencies for students with disabilities, ages 13-18 years, at Palmetto Senior High School, Hialeah Senior High School, Cutler Bay Middle, and Miami Senior High School to prepare for a dance concert at the Miami Senior High School Auditorium. The project will include a physically integrated dance performance by KPD dancers along with the students, followed by an audience Q and A to stimulate conversation and address differences, disability, dance, and inclusion.*

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12 - **M Ensemble Company, Inc.**  
PO Box 1175  
Miami, Florida 33127

**Recommended Award: \$11,000**

*STUDENTS ON STAGE*

*Grant funds will be used to support STUDENTS ON STAGE, an after school program for 15 students ages 6-13 years, from March 7 - May 7, 2023 at the Sandrell Rivers Theater in Liberty City. Project activities will include acting, movement and music for the stage. Participants will engage in theater games, learn dance routines and learn how to use percussion instruments to blend into the creative process. Students will also learn how a play is created while experiencing the joy of personal and social development through theatre arts.*

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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 Teach A Child To Fish for 50 youth ages 6-18 years and young adults with disabilities from October 1, 2022- May 31, 2023, at the His House Foster Care in Miami Gardens, Opa Locka Parks, and Learning Lab Center in Miami with instruction in 6 classrooms sessions and 3 outdoor nature experiences. The students will learn to explore nature with adaptive designed equipment for fishing, hiking, life skills, and STEAM activities. Students will also be integrating arts and nature through drawing, coloring, painting and music.*

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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 400 students, aged 6-17 years, from October 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023, at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center on Key Biscayne. Project activities will include outdoor art sessions, drawing, sculpture, dance, and poetry. Participants will engage in observing colors, textures, and patterns in nature under the instruction of local artists and create beautiful artwork combining what they have learned about nature and what they see.*

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

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

2200 Liberty Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*Ballet Bus Year 8: Long-Term Arts Education Scholarships*

*Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Bus for 40 students ages 7-14, from October 1, 2022 - May 30, 2023 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities will include bus transportation and full scholarships to study ballet; wellness instruction; dance history; and performance opportunities. Participants will engage in dance training and benefit from: improved artistry, social-emotional development and family enrichment, which holistically contribute to a bright future.*

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

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

1040 Lincoln Road  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*Miami New Drama In-School Residencies*

*Grant funds will be used to support Miami New Drama In-School Residencies for 60 students ages 13-17, from October 3, 2022 - May 26, 2023 at Miami Beach Senior and Miami Coral Park Senior high schools. Project activities will include courses focused on theater history, writing, voice, movement, acting and design. Participants will engage in theater arts and benefit from training in performance and creation to develop tools for artistic and personal expression.*

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**17 - 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*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Alan and Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series for 1,600 students, ages 5-12, from October 10, 2022 - May 30, 2023 at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater, in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include four professional shows with Q&A, advanced classroom prep with study guides, and reading the book (if applicable) on which the show is based. Participants will benefit from experiencing educational, values-based theatre in a professional theater setting.*

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

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

500 17 Street  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

*NWS Education Concerts*

*Grant funds will be used to support New World Symphony's Education Concerts for approximately 1,500 students ages 9-17, January 25 & 26, 2023 at the New World Center in Miami Beach, Florida. These thematic daytime concerts will introduce major orchestral works and composers to students from Miami-Dade County. A study guide will be sent in advance to all participating classes and roundtrip bus transportation will be provided free of charge.*

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**19 - O, Miami, Inc.**

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

595 NW 91st Street  
Miami, Florida 33150

*O, Miami Classroom Residencies*

*Grant funds will be used to support O, Miami's Classroom Residencies for 150 students ages 6-17, from October 3, 2022 - May 30, 2023 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Coconut Grove, Liberty City, Westchester and Morningside. Project activities will mix poetry with other art forms such as music and visual arts. Participants will engage in literary arts, performing arts and visual arts and benefit from thinking critically; discovering the value of their own stories; and gaining confidence.*

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**20 - 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/Carnegie Hall Link Up program for 1,500 students ages 8-10 October 10, 2022 - May 26, 2023 at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and in various Miami-Dade County public schools. Project activities include weekly lessons taught by MDCPS teachers, classroom activities with Orchestra Miami musicians culminating in a final concert where students perform with the orchestra. Participants will engage in music lessons, learning to play an instrument while learning about classical music.*

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

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

1235 NE 96 Street

Miami Shores, Florida 33138

*Martha/Mary Concert Art Gallery*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Martha/Mary Concert Art Gallery for approximately 120 students ages 12 - 18 during the concert season at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Allapattah integrating the visual and performing arts. Project activities will include planning, mounting, and selling curated art works for concert goers. Participants will engage in the creation of works of art and benefit from learning how to exhibit and sell their own creations.*

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**22 - Seraphic Fire, Inc.**

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

2153 Coral Way, STE- 401

Miami, Florida 33145

*Choral Education Residency 2022-23*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Choral Education Residency for 35 students ages 8-11, from October 3, 2022 - May 15, 2023 at Spanish Lakes Elementary in North Miami. Project activities will include instruction in music theory and vocal technique provided by professional Seraphic Fire singers and the 2022-23 UM Choral Education Resident Teacher. Participants will engage in choral music and benefit from improved academic performance, enhanced life skills, and the inclusion of music in their lives.*

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**23 - South Florida Arts & Counseling**

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

2727 NW 17 Terrace, #205

Miami, Florida 33125

*My Talent, My Future*

*Grant funds will be used to support My Talent, My Future for 15 students with disabilities ages 7- 14, from November 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023 at Overtown Youth Center after school programming. Activities will include free music counseling, music instruction, expressive art interventions and music performances. Participants will engage in therapeutic musical expression and benefit from increasing their emotional and behavioral functioning while building music skills.*

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**24 - South Florida Symphony Orchestra, Inc.**

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

2201 Wilton Drive, #12

Wilton Manors, Florida 33305

*Preserving Our Coral Reef: Teams of Success*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Preserving Our Coral Reef" for 800 students in 2nd and 3rd grades taking place on March 1, 2023 at BridgePrep Academy and North Beach Band Shell in Miami Beach. Project activities will include attendance at symphony performances. Participants will engage in the concert music and benefit from science, tech, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) integrated 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: \$30,000**

PO Box 416525  
Miami Beach, Florida 33141

*Dance NOW! Miami Long-Term Residency at South Miami Middle School*

*Grant funds will be used to support a Dance NOW! 10-week Public School Residency for 60 students ages 11-14, October 2022 - May 2023 at South Miami Middle School Dance Department. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coaching, performance opportunities and attending a free performance by Dance Now! Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.*

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

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

16701 SW 72 Avenue  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157

*Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program for 180 students ages 6-14, October 12, 2022 - May 31, 2023 at the Deering Estate in Palmetto Bay. Project activities will include poetry, painting, drawing, and photography of our natural environments. Participants will engage in STEAM activities and benefit from making connections to nature while documenting memories through integrated arts, environmental science and outdoor play.*

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**27 - The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.**

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

3550 Biscayne Boulevard, #702  
Miami, Florida 33137

*PIANO SLAM 2023*

*Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 2023 for 9000 students ages 12-18, October 1, 2022 - May 30, 2023 at MDC Title 1 schools. Project activities will include in-school live music, poetry writing workshops and competition, and teacher professional development. Participants will engage in music, poetry, and creative writing and benefit from language development, creative and scientific exploration using music and science to learn while writing about music, art and cultural impact on physical well-being and public health.*

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

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

970 SW 1 Street, STE-408  
Miami, Florida 33130

*Opera Adventures*

*Grant funds will be used to support Opera Adventures for 25 students ages 9-17, from January 14 - April 29, 2023 at the Opera Atelier studios in the Miami neighborhood of Little Havana. Project activities will encompass learning and performing opera. Participants will engage in training and productions and benefit from learning singing, acting, elements of musicianship, staging, and other complementary disciplines, while developing self-discipline, concentration, and team work skills.*

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29 - **Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc.**  
14275 SW 73rd Avenue  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

**Recommended Award: \$9,000**

*Cortada Science Art Academy at Pinecrest Gardens*

*Grant funds will be used to support the Cortada Science Art Academy for 50 5th grade students from October 11, 2022 - May 4, 2023 at Pinecrest Gardens. Project activities will include painting, drawing, ceramics and video production. Participants will engage in three 2-week-long modules and participate in socially engaged art, benefitting from using creativity and leadership to help conserve Florida's ecosystems, defend global biodiversity, and advance the work of climate scientists at the Earth's poles.*

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