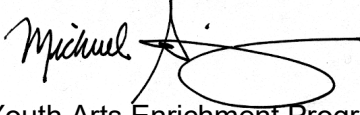


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**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring 

**Subject:** FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

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In light of the uncertainty surrounding the long-term impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on public programs scheduled to begin after October 1, 2020, staff advised the Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP) 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 criterion, as stated in the program's guidelines. At that time, the Department will assess the grantee's feasibility of presenting public programs in traditional venues, schools 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. Staff will work with grantees during the contracting phase to ensure safe starting dates in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (MDCPS) recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants for a total of \$550,000 from the FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez convened on August 27, 2020 to review 36 applications requesting a total of \$752,140. The Panel recommended funding 28 applications for a total of \$550,000. Eight (8) 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 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 2020-2021 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 Grant Award Recommendations

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1 - **After School Film Institute, Inc.**

**Recommended Award:** \$16,552

*Dare To Dream Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Dare to Dream" ASFI Program for 21 students, ages 13-18, from December 9, 2020, to April 2, 2021, at Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts in Goulds. Activities will include the pre-production and creation of a student-produced film with mentoring guidance. Participants will engage in the various aspects of video production and benefit from learning how to produce a film. Professional artists will provide one-on-one mentorships to lead students throughout the program.*

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2 - **Amplifyme, Inc.**

**Recommended Award:** \$9,263

*Youth Media Institute*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Youth Media Institute," an after-school elective program for 75 students, ages 13-18, from October 1, 2020 to May 30, 2021 at the Miami Edison Senior High School and Edison Park Middle School in Little Haiti. Project activities will include Media Arts weekly workshops. Participants will engage in Media Arts and benefit from technical video production, editing skills and analytical skills regarding social issues.*

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

**Recommended Award:** \$25,915

*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, PreK to 5th Grade, at Ojus Elementary School in Miami for a 22-week residency program. 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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4 - **ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation**

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

*Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC)*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Arts Beyond the Classroom" for 300 students, ages 6-15, from October 5, 2020 – May 2, 2021 at the Gibson Bethel Community Center, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Miami Bridge and Sweet Home Baptist Church in Perrine, Homestead and South Miami. Project activities will include music, visual arts and dance. Participants will engage various cultural expressions including dancing, singing, and art making, and benefit from drawing, painting, dance drills and choral singing.*

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5 - **Brazilian Voices Inc.**

**Recommended Award:** \$19,040

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

*Grant funds will be used to bring Brazilian Voices' "Healing Bossa Nova for Kids," a free musical program for 15 sessions to Miami pediatric hospitals, reaching 1,950 children, ages 0-21, plus caregivers and hospital staff, at UM-Sylvester Alex's Place and Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Brazilian Voices will adjust its safety protocols with first responders' and healthcare facility administrators' guidance to comply with ongoing COVID-19 preventive measures.*

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6 - **City Theatre, Inc.**

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

*2020-2021 Short Cuts Tour*

*Grant funds will be used to support "The Short Cuts Tour" for 20,000 students, ages 13–15, from October 2020 to May 2021 at more than 40 middle schools in each of the nine districts of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system. Project activities will include a free program of four 10-minute plays. For most participants, this will be their first live theater performance. A study guide for teachers directs pre- and post-performance learning activities.*

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7 - **Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.**      **Recommended Award:** \$30,000  
*CAP Miami Jazz Institute Improv Redux*  
*Grant funds will be used to support the "CAP Miami Jazz Institute Improv Redux" for 110 students, ages 10-18, from across Miami-Dade County, from October 3, 2020 - May 24, 2021 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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8 - **El Ingenio Inc.**      **Recommended Award:** \$16,830  
*"Centro Mater Arts Education Project"*  
*Grant funds will be used to support the "Centro Mater Arts Education Project" for 60 students, ages 6 to 12 years from October 5, 2020 to May 21, 2021 at the Centro Mater Community Center in Little Havana. Project activities will include theater, dance, music, and drawing. Participants will engage in painting, singing, dancing, acting, and makeup, and benefit from learning through art activities how to improve their skills and how to use them in a full theatrical production.*

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9 - **Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.**      **Recommended Award:** \$18,880  
*The Friendship Circle Band*  
*Grant funds will be used to support "The Friendship Circle Band" for 15 students, ages 6-22, from October 7, 2020 - May 26, 2021 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, following rhythm, and social experiences with their peers.*

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10 - **GableStage, Inc.**      **Recommended Award:** \$10,000  
*GableStage 2021 Page to Stage School Tour*  
*Grant funds will be used to support GableStage's "Page-to-Stage 2021 Tour" production for 8,000 students, ages 12-19, February-April, 2021 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools throughout Miami-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 - **Jorge M. Pérez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.**      **Recommended Award:** \$19,761  
*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, from October 2020 through May 2021 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 - Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.**

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

*Inclusive Dance Comes to Your School*

*Grant funds will be used to support four in-school dance performances for 3,000 students, ages 13-18, from a wide range of geographical locations in Miami-Dade County, during Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Inclusion Month in January and February 2021. The project will include a 30-minute physically integrated dance performance, facilitated by four KPD dancers, followed by an audience Q and A guided by Karen Peterson. The goal is to stimulate conversation and address differences, disability, dance, and inclusion.*

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

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

*A Day Where Art Meets Nature*

*Grant funds will be used to support "A Day Where Art Meets Nature" for 640 students, ages 6-17, from October 1, 2020 - May 30, 2021 at the MSD Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne, FL. Project activities will include plein-air art sessions, drawing, sculpture, dance, and poetry. Participants will engage in observing colors, textures, and patterns in nature with artists and creating beautiful artwork and benefit from being outdoors and being creative while learning preservation of natural resources.*

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**14 - Mexican American Council, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$25,413**

*Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory" for 45 students, ages 5-18, from October 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021 at the MAC Parent Resource Center in Homestead. Project activities will include after-school music instruction including music theory, music ensemble, and music history. Participants will engage in Mariachi music and benefit from learning to master a percussion, brass, or string instrument as well as vocal lessons in a social-emotional learning environment.*

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

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

*Ballet Bus Year 6: Long-Term Arts Education Scholarships*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Ballet Bus" program for 35 students, ages 6-14, from October 1, 2020 to May 30, 2021 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities will include: bus transportation and full scholarships to study ballet, wellness education, and performance opportunities. Participants will engage in dance training for up to ten years and benefit from mentorship provided by world-class faculty, annual evaluations, family engagement, and social-emotional support.*

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

**Recommended Award: \$24,883**

*Miami New Drama Theater Workshop*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Miami New Drama Theater Workshop" for 40 students, ages 13-17, from October 1 - December 6, 2020 at the Colony Theatre in Miami Beach and Koubek Center in Miami. Project activities will include courses focused on theater history, writing, voice, movement, acting, and stage design. Participants will engage in theater and benefit from training in performance and creation to reflect and respond to important issues in their daily lives and develop empathy and tools for artistic expression.*

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

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

*MOCA Teen Art Force 2020-2021*

*Grant funds will be used to support "MOCA Teen Art Force," an after-school program for 25 students, ages 13-17, from October 1, 2020 - May 28, 2021 at the Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami. Activities include advanced art and design classes, field trips, artist presentations, community outreach, student showcases and MOCAzine, a self-published journal. Participants will engage in the visual arts through fashion design, textiles, drawing, portfolio, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking, photography, and art writing.*

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

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

*NWS Education Concerts*

*Grant funds will be used to support "New World Symphony's Education Concerts" for approximately 2,000 students, ages 9-18, on November 12 and 13, 2020, broadcast live online from 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.*

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

**Recommended Award: \$8,593**

*MMC Includes All Kids*

*Grant funds will be used to support "MMC Includes All Kids" for 40 students, ages 5-10, from October 15, 2020 - April 15, 2021 at Natural Bridge Elementary School in North Miami. Project activities will include in-school choral instruction and singing, creation of videos for home use, and instructional videos for teachers. Participants will engage in choral practice and benefit from singing to help improve oral communication.*

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**20 - Seraphic Fire, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$25,468**

*Seraphic Fire Youth Initiative: 2020-2021 Choral Education Residency*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Choral Education Residency" for 35 students, ages 8-11, from October 1, 2020 to May 15, 2021 at Fulford Elementary School in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include in-school instruction in music theory and vocal technique by professional Serafic Fire singers/educators and the UM Choral Education Resident Teacher (CERT). 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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**21 - South Florida Art Center, Inc. d/b/a Oolite Arts**

**Recommended Award: \$24,967**

*Video Art Club*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Video Art Club" for 20 students, ages 10-14, from October 2020 - May 2021 at the Saint Mary's Cathedral School in Miami's Little Haiti. Project activities will include creating and producing their own short films. Participants will engage in visual arts, video art and cinematography, and benefit from mentorship and guidance from Miami-based artists and filmmakers.*

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

**Recommended Award: \$25,552**

*Dance NOW! Miami Long-Term Residency at Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School*

*Grant funds will be used to support a Dance NOW! 10-week Public School Residency for 75 students, ages 13-18, from January to May 2021 at The Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School Dance Department. Students will benefit from participating for 30 non-consecutive days in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coaching, and performance opportunities. In addition, students will attend a free performance by Dance NOW! Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.*

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23 - **The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$10,000**

*Holocaust Impact Theater*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Holocaust Impact Theater" for 70 students, ages 13-18, and an audience of 400, from October 1 - March 14, 2021 at Alper JCC, Miami. Project activities will include writing, producing, directing and performing. Participants will engage in creative writing and performing arts and benefit from working collaboratively to respond to societal injustice by writing an original script and producing a theatrical play to be performed live and filmed to share with the community.*

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24 - **The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$25,496**

*Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program" for 90 students, ages 6-14, from October 1, 2020 to May 31st, 2021 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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25 - **The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$18,420**

*Virtual Live Theater and Arts Workshops for children with autism*

*Grant funds will be used to support the "Virtual Live Theater and Arts Activities for Children with Autism" for 130 students, ages 5 - 18, attending schools in Miami-Dade County, from October 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021. Project activities include live theatrical performances featuring drama and music, and hands-on arts workshops with all the supplies needed. Participants will engage in dance, music, performance, and visual arts and benefit from developing communication and social skills.*

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26 - **The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$10,000**

*PIANO SLAM 13*

*Grant funds will be used to support "PIANO SLAM 13" for 7,500 students, ages 12-18, from October 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 in Liberty City, Hialeah, North Miami Beach, South Dade, and Opa Locka. Project activities will include in school live music, poetry writing workshops and 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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27 - **The Opera Atelier, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$24,967**

*Arts Adventures*

*Grant funds will be used to support "Arts Adventures" for 75 students, ages 8-11, from March 29 to April 16, 2021, at the BridgePrep Academy in Miami's Little Havana. Project activities will include a full-day week with afterschool plus two afterschool weeks of learning about several art forms and engaging in creative activities around the arts. Participants will experience opera, ballet, creative writing, and fine arts and benefit from learning to appreciate and enjoy these art forms.*

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28 - **University of Wynwood, Inc.** **Recommended Award: \$30,000**

*The Sunroom*

*Grant funds will be used to support "The Sunroom" for 200 students, ages 8-10, from October 2020 to May 2021 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Liberty City, Westchester, Coconut Grove, 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 writing and reading instruction while also developing creative expression.*