

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 15, 2020

**To:** Members  
Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring  
Director

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**Subject:** FY 2020-2021 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel  
Recommendations

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The FY 2020-2021 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed using the iteration 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. 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.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of seven (7) grants for the FY 2020-2021 Capital Development Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2020-21 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Justin Treiger, met on Thursday, June 25, 2020. A total of seven (7) organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$153,985 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all seven (7) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Facilities improvements projects are evaluated on their capacities to improve the artistic capabilities of and/or the audience's ability to experience programs in applicant facilities, among other criteria. Priority consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Funding for the Capital Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. 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 availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
FY 2020-2021 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

<b>Grant No.</b>	<b>Applicant Organization</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
1	Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to complete Phase III of lighting and sound equipment upgrades in the mainstage and balcony spaces at the Playhouse. Funds will also be used to purchase a Clear-com wireless PA system.
2	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the complete modernization of the elevator equipment servicing the two-story building that houses the Coral Gable Art Cinema. The existing equipment is original to the opening of the Cinema and is in constant need of maintenance. The elevator is an essential piece of equipment as the Cinema's restrooms are located on the second floor.
3	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the enhancement of The Bass' Lindemann Family Courtyard, the museum's primary and largest, multi-use social and educational space used for public programs and special events. The enhancement will include adding ISC Acoustical Concepts Sound Paneling to help amplifying the space's acoustics as well as mitigating noise pollution to public areas allowing for events to occur simultaneously with the museum, serving multiple audiences and needs.
4	Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support equipment purchases to enhance the JCC's Alan & Diane Lieberman Theater. Equipment purchases will include ETC Source 8 LED Lustr 2; 1 Look Solutions Unique 2 Hazer; 10 Slimline Earset Microphones; and 4 Countryman EMW Microphones. The purchases will artistically benefit the JCC's overall theatre program, along with other cultural events presented in the Lieberman Theater.
5	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support new air conditioning units: the first would cover the Theater Green Room, Dressing Room and Stage. The unit would enable performers and crew to more effectively and efficiently build stage sets, conduct rehearsals and prepare for programs and performances. A second air conditioning unit would cover the Rotunda, an exhibit and gathering space, resulting in a more comfortable environment in which audiences can enjoy exhibits and performances and gather as a community.
6	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the replacement of ADA door and openers in the Museum. The equipment has been malfunctioning for years and have been repaired many times. Funds would cover 6 of the Museum's double doors (12 doors total); those that are used the most and most prone to malfunction will have new doors and door operators installed.
7	Village of Pinecrest	Grant funds are requested to support the renovation of restrooms at the Terrace Level into modern, accessible facilities at Pinecrest Gardens. The current restrooms and pathways to access them are not currently in keeping with ADA requirements and planned renovations will bring them fully in line with ADA laws.