

Date: May 20, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2019-2020 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 18 grants for a total of \$127,057.00 from the FY 2019-2020 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the fourth quarter (July 1 – September 30), each proposal was evaluated 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. Before releasing grant funds to organizations, the Department will assess the feasibility of the grantees presenting public programs in identified venues and 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.

The FY 2019-2020 Community Grants program panel, chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on May 14, 2020 to review 18 applications requesting \$132,500.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$127,057.00.

The projects recommended for funding represent a diversified range of activities and demographic locations. In its deliberations, the panel carefully considered and applied the Community Grants guidelines as outlined below.

The Community Grants Program is responsive on a quarterly basis to organizations, which develop small and large-scale community-based programs, projects, events, and publications. The program is particularly sensitive to the needs of: 1) indigenous cultural neighborhood activities and projects encouraging the preservation of heritage, traditions and culture; and 2) social service organizations and cultural groups developing collaborative intervention projects.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) quality of program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Attachment

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY2019-20 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

1- After School Film Institute, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

160 NE 121 Street
North Miami, FL 33161
ASFI Future in Films Festival
9/12/2020 - 9/12/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support the second ASFI Future in Films Festival, a single evening cultural event celebrating the artistic and technical achievements of young (13-18 years old) filmmakers from across South Florida.

2- Ballad of America, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

821 North 70 Way
Hollywood, FL 33024
America's Music: From Plymouth Rock to Rock & Roll
9/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8, 9

Funds are requested to support two live multimedia performances, celebrating music from America's diverse cultural history at the Seminole Theatre in Homestead. The performances, one for students and the other a public matinee, tell the story of the United States through spoken narrative, historic images projected on a screen, and a wealth of classic American songs. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

3- Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

3100 NW 72 Avenue, #127
Miami, FL 33122
ArtTalks Theatre Lab
8/7/2020 - 9/26/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support ArtTalks Theater Lab, a series of acting and writing workshops and public presentations that empower emerging Hispanic and local talent to create and portray their own stories.

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4- Culture and Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World
7/11/2020 - 9/26/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7

Funds are requested to support the tenth annual “Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World” series, featuring three musical performances designed to unite individuals from diverse backgrounds via the music from the different countries. The performances for this edition include “The Cuban Music,” “Yesterday-Today Songs,” and “La Dama Boba.”

5- Florida Film House International Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,338

570 NW 26 Street
Miami, FL 33127
Urban Film Festival 2020
9/4/2020 - 9/6/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the annual Urban Film Festival, a three-day event dedicated to educating, showcasing and providing distribution opportunities for a new generation of filmmakers.

6- Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
a/f/a Rachel Weiss

Recommended Award: \$7,338

2294 NW 2 Avenue
Miami, FL 33127
Mid-Bar - “My Heart is in the East, But I Am in the West”
9/5/2020 - 9/7/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Mid-Bar" (Hebrew for 'desert'), an interactive installation that includes multimedia, sound design and moving sculpture, designed to connect Eastern and Western cultures through music, art and technology.

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7- Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

18441 NW 2 Avenue, #106-108
Miami Gardens, FL 33169
Recovery in the Arts
7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3

Funds are requested to support the annual "Recovery in the Arts" project, which helps individuals with behavioral health challenges participate in the creative arts and serves to raise public awareness about recovery through art creation. This project includes five photography and five painting workshops, culminating in works that will be displayed in a gallery during Recovery Month.

8- IFE ILE, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

1336 NW 25 Street
Miami, FL 33142
IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival
7/20/2020 - 8/15/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5

Funds are requested to support the 22nd annual IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival, consisting of film exhibitions, a two-week Afro-Cuban dance and music camp for children, street performances, dance workshops with local and international artists, and a culminating public performance.

9- Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,893

14840 Naranja Lakes Boulevard, #C2H
Homestead, FL 33032
XXIX Spanish Literary Event
7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 10

Funds are requested to support the XXIX Spanish Literary Event, featuring local poets, singers, dancers, actor and other artists performing original poetry and short story readings, some of which are later printed and distributed to local libraries.

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10- Jazz Education Community Coalition, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

2100 Van Buren Street, #301
Hollywood, FL 33020
Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon
9/27/2020 - 9/27/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual free jazz music festival "Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon," featuring performances by the Jazz Education Community Coalition and other community-based groups at Pinecrest Gardens. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

11- MAIACA Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,201

490 Rovino Avenue
Miami, FL 33146
Raag-Bollywood
9/6/2020 - 9/6/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 7

Funds are requested to support "Raag-Bollywood," a musical performance and lecture designed to take the audience on a journey of Bollywood film songs, based on Hindustani Classical Music, bringing ancient performing arts and traditions from the Indian subcontinent to South Florida.

12- Miami Young Adult Christian Theater Inc

Recommended Award: \$4,893

20468 South Dixie Highway
Cutler Bay, FL 33189
Beyond Broken Pieces.... No More Tears
7/6/2020 - 7/18/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8, 11

Funds are requested to support a series of intense dance training from professional choreographers and instructors that will culminate in a public dance and concert, showcasing artistic testimonials from individuals who are thriving in spite of past physical, emotional and mental traumas.

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13- South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

6011 NW 68 Street
Parkland, FL 33067
Fairyless Tales
7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11

Funds are requested to support a series of free public concerts, centered around classic fairy tales, featuring programmatic methods iLUMA (Inter-generational Literacy Using Music and Art), Bailando at the Ball (world culture and good health through dance), Fairy Tales Retold and Super You (designed to empower the audience to find the superhero within). All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

**14- The Black Archives, History and Research
Foundation of South Florida, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$7,338

819 NW 2 Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
Lyric Live: Under the Stars
8/7/2020 - 8/7/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Lyric Live: Under the Stars," a free public outdoor talent showcase on the plaza of the Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater, featuring amateur and professional talent.

15- Troop of Actors Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,338

8600 SW 133 Avenue, #311
Miami, FL 33183
Let the Silent Generation Speak
7/1/2020 - 9/20/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

Funds are requested to support the project "Let the Silent Generation Speak," a theatrical presentation of researched anecdotes from the community's "silent generation," born between 1925 and 1945, and characterized by austerity, silence in social networks and maintaining traditional values. Actors will perform monologues that reflect this group's memories, traditions and cultural heritage.

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16- Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

1000 NW 1 Avenue, #100

Miami, FL 33136

Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival

7/21/2020 - 7/25/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 8

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual "Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival," designed to create a local platform to elevate the next generation of visual storytellers (ages 14-24) in the community and inspire young people to social create change using art.

17- Village of Palmetto Bay

Recommended Award: \$7,338

9705 East Hibiscus Street

Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Palmetto Bay's 7th Annual Independence Day Celebration

7/4/2020 - 7/4/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support Palmetto Bay's free seventh annual Independence Day Celebration of America's 244th Birthday, bringing the community together to enjoy patriotic spirit, local live music and a community arts fair.

18- Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,338

3251 South Miami Avenue

Miami, FL 33129

Processional Arts Workshop at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

7/4/2020 - 7/11/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support a week-long series of participatory art workshops led by artists Alex Kahn and Sophia Michahelles, culminating in an artistic procession through the beautiful Vizcaya Gardens.

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