

Memorandum



Date: February 16, 2022
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring
Subject: FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 19 grants for a total of \$131,100.00 from the FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the third quarter (April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022), 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 2021-2022 Community Grants program panel, co-chaired by Councilors Sandra Curbelo and Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on February 10, 2022 to review 19 applications requesting \$146,850.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 19 applicants for a total of \$131,100.00.

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
FY 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- AfriKin Foundation, Inc.

2408 Florida Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
AfriKin Safe Spaces
6/4/2022 – 6/4/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support "AfriKin Safe Spaces," a series of visual arts installations, fashion shows and dance performances, showcasing artists in the genres of Hip-Hop, Reggae and R&B, taking place at the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

2- Art for Us, Inc

10 SW South River Drive, #1904
Miami, FL 33130
With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres
4/23/2022 - 4/23/2022

Recommended Award: \$6,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres," a performance of classical and traditional music, as well as female Hispanic poetry, taking place at the Manuel Arttime Theater.

3- Blue Scholars Initiative Inc.

6375 SW 106 Street
Miami, FL 33156
World Ocean Weekend Celebration 2022 - Modeling the Reef
4/1/2022 - 6/30/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

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

Funds are requested to support "World Ocean Weekend Celebration 2022 - Modeling the Reef," an interdisciplinary art installation and series of workshops by Beatriz Chachamovit, designed to promote access to and awareness of ecological, social, and artistic knowledge for youth in underserved communities, taking place on the beachfront near Collins Park in Miami Beach.

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4- Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis, Corp.

Recommended Award: \$3,750

1051 SW 73 Avenue

Miami, FL 33144

Bolivian & International Carnival in Miami

4/23/2022 - 4/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the seventh annual "Bolivian & International Carnival in Miami," a musical, dance and artistic festival showcasing Bolivian cultural work and heritage, modeled after the Carnival of Oruro-Bolivia, taking place in Tropical Park.

5- Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,500

10905 SW 113 Place, Unit A

Miami, FL 33176

Compositum Musicae Novae Season IX

4/8/2022 - 6/30/2022

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

Funds are requested to support Compositum Musicae Novae's ninth series of multi-disciplinary music performances and art installations, taking place at the Coral Gables Museum and Pinecrest Gardens.

6- Florida L'Opera & Zarzuela Corp.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

10770 NW 66 Street, #109

Doral, FL 33178

A Night of L'Opera in the City

5/28/2022 - 5/28/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "A Night of L'Opera in the City," featuring classic moments of well-known operas by Mozart, Verdi and Puccini, taking place at the Manuel Arttime Theater.

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7- Florida Opera Prima Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500
a/f/a Afro Borinken Roots Performing Group, Inc.

500 NW 36 Street, #302

Miami, FL 33127

Puerto Rico de Mis Amores/ Music of My Land Borinqueña

6/26/2022 - 6/26/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Puerto Rico de Mis Amores/ Music of My Land Borinqueña," a performance of traditional and classical music from Puerto Rico, including Bomba and Plena, taking place at the Manuel Artime Theater.

8- Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc. Recommended Award: \$3,750
a/f/a International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 45, Inc.

10830 SW 84 Street, Unti E-1

Miami, FL 33173

The Art of Magic: Celebrating 100 Years Sharing the Art of Magic

6/4/2022 - 6/19/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "The Art of Magic: Celebrating 100 Years Sharing the Art of Magic," featuring workshops, lectures and performances, including a family performance, celebrating the artistic history of magic, taking place at the South Miami/ Coral Gables Elks Lodge.

9- Global Arts Project, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500

5400 SW 77 Court, #1-J

Miami, FL 33155

Artscape at Collins Park

4/24/2022 - 9/25/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Artscape in Collins Park," an outdoor concert series representing culturally diverse music, taking place in Collins Park and Liberty Plaza in Miami Beach.

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10- Hued Songs Inc
443 NE 1 Avenue, #3
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
The Juneteenth Experience
6/19/2022 - 6/19/2022

Recommended Award: \$3,750

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "The Juneteenth Experience," a multidisciplinary celebration, featuring diverse artists combining song, dance, spoken word, and multimedia to create a retelling of Juneteenth's past, present, and future, taking place at the North Beach Bandshell in Miami Beach. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

11- Les Ailes du Desir Foundation, Inc.
1395 NW 22 Street
Miami, FL 33142
Soiree des Arts
6/29/2022 - 6/29/2022

Recommended Award: \$4,350

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Soiree des Arts," a multimedia presentation of circus, theater, dance, music, and acrobatics performed by multi-talented artists from around the world, taking place at the Fantasy Theater Factory.

12- Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc
255 Alhambra Circle, PH
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Mainly Mozart Festival
5/14/2022 - 6/18/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

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

Funds are requested to support the 29th edition of the "Mainly Mozart Festival," featuring performances by world-renowned performers as well as an interactive children's concert, taking place at the Kislak Center at the University of Miami Library and Sanctuary of the Arts in Coral Gables.

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13- Miami River Fund, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

1407 NW 7 Street, #2
Miami, FL 33125
Miami Riverday
4/2/2022 - 4/2/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 24th annual "Miami Riverday," celebrating the unique history and heritage of the Miami River and promoting environmental education through live music, arts, historical reenactments, river boat tours, and family activities, taking place in Lummus Park along the Miami River.

14- NWD Projects Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6820 SW 65 Avenue
Miami, FL 33143
National Water Dance/ Miami 2022
4/1/2022 - 5/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7, 8, 9, 10

Funds are requested to support "National Water Dance/ Miami 2022," a multi-disciplinary environmentally focused dance performance taking place at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, along with workshops at several Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

15- Pincrest City Music Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6370 SW 87 Terrace
Pincrest, FL 33156
Music @ the Gardens
4/23/2022 - 4/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the sixth annual "Music @ the Gardens," a concert and community-wide public school arts and music education student showcase, taking place at Pincrest Gardens.

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16- Richmond Heights Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

14700 Lincoln Boulevard

Miami, FL 33176

Community Juneteenth Arts Festival

6/18/2022 - 6/18/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the annual "Community Juneteenth Arts Festival," a multidisciplinary showcase of local performing artists in southern Miami-Dade County, taking on Dunbar Drive and Lincoln Boulevard in Richmond Heights.

17- SBC Community Development Corporation of

Recommended Award: \$7,500

Richmond Heights, Inc.

a/f/a ASK Colestars, Inc.

11111 Pinkston Drive

Miami, FL 33176

Artwalk Presents Art in the Park

5/28/2022 - 5/28/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support "Artwalk Presents Art in the Park," a family multidisciplinary arts event, promoting the diversity of art, art programs, and other community and human resources available to area residents, taking place in Blakey Park in Homestead.

18- South Florida Educational Development Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2860 Somerset Drive, #103

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

School Days: The African American Experience in Middle and High Schools In

Carol City, Miami-Dade County 1980-1990

6/25/2022 - 6/25/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are being requested to support "School Days – The African American Experience in Middle and High School in Carol City, Miami-Dade County - 1980 through 1990," a musical play showcasing the experiences and journey of three African American/ Afro Caribbean students from different cultures and countries in the community's recent past. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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19- The Fountainhead Residency Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

5600 North Bayshore Drive

Miami, FL 33137

Artists Open 2022

5/7/2022 - 5/7/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12

Funds are requested to support “Artists Open 2022,” an annual program that features over 300 artists and galleries in the community opening their studios and spaces for a one-day open to the public event across the all of Miami-Dade County.

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