

Memorandum



Date: May 18, 2022

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 23 grants for a total of \$157,339.00 from the FY 2021-2022 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, 2022 – September 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 May 4, 2022 to review 23 applications requesting \$172,395.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 22 applicants for a total of \$151,395.00. The panel did not recommend funding the application received from National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc. This organization consistently has received funding from the program. Based on the track record of this project and the availability of grant funds, the staff recommendation is to include funding for this organization at \$5,944, the amount of their last most recent Community Grant. Staff will work with the organization to address Panel concerns regarding the project in the grant agreement.

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.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Across Missions, Inc.
8800 SW 149 Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33176
Deaf Art Miami Festival
9/17/2022 – 9/19/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the second edition of the "Deaf Art Miami Festival," intended to celebrate, empower, and showcase artistic talents, ideas, and opinions of artists facing challenges, including those who experience being deaf, hard of hearing, blind, and other disabilities, through an exhibition of art, dance, music, and poetry, taking place at the Koubek Memorial Center.

2- Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.
a/f/a La Casa Del Teatro, Inc.
14963 SW 75 Terrace
Miami, FL 33193
LGBTQ+ Scene Festival – Miami 2022
7/2/2022 – 7/31/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the fifth edition of the "LGBTQ+ Scene Festival – Miami 2022," an artistic, educational, and multidisciplinary festival, featuring artist talks, book presentations, play readings, workshops, short films, and a competitive theater contest, centered around gender and sexuality, taking place at Artefactus Cultural Center.

3- Creative Media Group, Inc.
856 Euclid Avenue, #29
Miami Beach, FL 33139
Creative Media Film Festival
8/4/2022 – 8/7/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "Creative Media Film Festival," a narrative short film festival, featuring films produced by local Miami-Dade County youth, taking place in Eaton Park.

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4- Culture and Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World
7/16/2022 – 9/24/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the twelfth annual “Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World” series, featuring musical performance designed to unite individuals from diverse backgrounds and countries, including madrigals, opera, zarzuela, and “Acacia y Meliton” by the Alvarez Quintero Brothers, taking place at the Saint Bede Chapel at University of Miami and West Miami Community Center.

5- Fire Haus Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,000

8000 SW 26 Street
Miami, FL 33155

Snapshots from the Cuban Diaspora - An Odyssey in Images
7/9/2022 – 9/10/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support "Snapshots from the Cuban Diaspora - An Odyssey in Images," a series of lectures and virtual exhibitions of Cuban-born artists, detailing their assimilation into the United States through their own personal stories, photographs and videos, taking place in part at Fire Haus Projects.

6- Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

18441 NW 2 Avenue, #106-108
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Recovery in the Arts Healing Conversations
7/1/2022 – 9/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 5

Funds are requested to support “Recovery in the Arts Healing Conversations,” consisting of five photography and painting workshops held at Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, and an exhibition of created work at the Rhode Building, aimed to help individuals with behavioral health challenges participate in the creative arts, as well as raise awareness about recovery through art creation.

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7- HAVFAMA, Inc.

120 NW 86 Court
Miami, FL 33126
*XX Latin American Monologue Festival /
XX Festival Latinoamericano del Monólogo*
7/1/2022 – 7/31/2022

Recommended Award: \$6,000

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the “XX Latin American Monologue Festival / XX Festival Latinoamericano del Monólogo,” featuring a series of workshops, conferences, master classes and visual arts exhibitions in several languages, taking place at the Havanafama Teatro Estudio.

8- IFE ILE, Inc.

1336 NW 25 Street
Miami, FL 33142
IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival
8/3/2022 – 8/6/2022

Recommended Award: \$6,000

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the twenty-third annual “IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban Dance Festival,” featuring workshops and performances at the Koubek Center, and a two-day academic conference at History Miami Museum.

9- Instituto De Cultura Peruana, Inc.

8720 SW 20 Terrance
Miami, FL 33165
XXXI Spanish Literary Festival
7/1/2022 – 9/30/2022

Recommended Award: \$1,000

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

Funds are requested to support the “XXXI Spanish Literary Festival,” featuring local poets, singers, dancers, actors, and other artists performing original poetry and short story readings, taking place at the West Dade Regional Library and the Hispanic Branch Library, along with a book of printed select works from the artists in the festival.

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10- Jazz Education Community Coalition, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2100 Van Buren Street, #301
Hollywood, FL 33020
Groovin on a Sunday
9/25/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support “Groovin on a Sunday,” a music festival featuring performances by the Jazz Education Community Coalition (JECC) and other community-based groups taking place at Pinecrest Gardens. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

11- La Zarzuela, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2515 SW 7 Street, #8
Miami, FL 33135
Zarzuela-Fest II
9/10/2022 – 9/11/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “Zarzuela-Fest II,” a festival celebrating the Spanish musical theater Zarzuela genre through performances and lectures at the Main Library and Vista Alegre Apartments, and a full production of the zarzuela 'La Dolorosa' by Guerrero at the Manuel Artime Theater.

12- Lost Girls Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6310 SW 79 Street, #9
South Miami, FL 33143
Where or When?
7/17/2022 – 7/24/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 6

Funds are requested to support “Where or When?,” featuring live presentations of audio dramas produced by Lost Girls Theatre and the Incomparable Podcast Network’s Radio Theatre, featuring themes of bisexual awareness through the science fiction genre, taking place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami and Villain Theater.

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13- Love The Everglades Movement, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

HC 61 West 4000
Ochopee, FL 34141
Concierge for Everglades Action Summer Series
7/3/2022 – 9/4/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 7

Funds are requested to support the “Concierge for Everglades Action Summer Series,” featuring performances, panels, film screenings, workshops and tours, intended to elevate the concepts of Stewardship, Queerness, Social and Environmental Justice, and the Indigenous Perspective, taking place at Oolite Arts and Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. All grant funds will be used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

14- Miami Factory Theater, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

485 NW 71 Street, #807
Miami, FL 33150
An Adaptation of "La Caja Vacía de Zapatos" by Virgilio Piñera
9/16/2022 – 9/18/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support “An Adaptation of “La Caja Vacía de Zapatos” by Virgilio Piñera,” a tragicomic play about the absurdity of human relationships, taking place at the Sandrell Rivers Theater.

15- Miami Girls Rock Camp, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,000

4220 NW 7 Avenue
Miami, FL 33127
Miami Girls Rock Camp Finale Showcase
7/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the “Miami Girls Rock Camp Finale Showcase,” a culmination musical performance taking place at the North Beach Bandshell, featuring the young participants of the Miami Girls Rock Camp 2022, a week of transformation for girls and nonbinary youth taking.

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16- Name Publications, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

4241 SW 62 Avenue

Miami, FL 33155

"Terminal 43: Enrique Castro-Cid"

7/30/2022 – 9/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Terminal 43: Enrique Castro-Cid," an exhibition centered around the works and archival documents of the late Chilean-American painter Enrique Castro-Cid, one of the first artists to use computer aided design software to make paintings, taking place at NAME Publications.

17- National Art Exhibitions of the Mentally Ill, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,944

P O Box 350891

Miami, FL 33135

Outsider Artists from the Collection of NAEMI

9/2/2022 – 9/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the "Outsider Artists from the Collection of NAEMI," showcasing the work of artists from the United States, Cuba, Spain and Paraguay, that are recovering from mental illnesses, taking place at the Kendall Art Center.

18- North Bay Village

Recommended Award: \$7,395

1666 John F Kennedy Causeway, #300

North Bay Village, FL 33141

Music in the Park

7/4/2022 – 8/6/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support North Bay Village's "Music in the Park" series of live music events, designed to welcome residents and visitors, taking place in Paul Vogel Park and the North Bay Village Community Park.

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19- South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6011 NW 68 Street
Parkland, FL 33067
The Colors of Our World
7/11/2022 – 9/10/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12

Funds are requested to support "The Colors of Our World," a series of interactive concerts designed to teach participants about the diversity of the world through the creation of art, the movement of dance, and the performance of music using instruments or the human body. The performances take place at the YMCA Allapattah, Gwen Cherry Park, Syndey Wynn Park, Live Like Bella Park, Naranja Park, the Coral Gables Museum, Doral Legacy Park, Arcola Lakes Senior Center, MLK Memorial Park, and Demps Park. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

20- The Miami Oratorio Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

3550 NW 42 Street
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33309
Oratorio Season 2021-2022
4/10/2022 – 6/26/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 2

Funds are requested to support "Oratorio Season 2021-2022," a music program that brings classical music to inner city communities and helps young performers enhance their musical talent, taking place at the First Church of North Miami and the Holy Family Episcopal Church. All grant funds will be used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

21- Troop of Actors, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

8600 SW 133 Avenue, #311
Miami, FL 33183
Let the Silent Generation Speak
8/10/2022 – 8/14/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9, 10, 12

Funds are requested to support "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, featuring actors performing monologues that reflect this group's memories, traditions and cultural heritage, taking place at the Artefactus Cultural Center, and Adult Day Cares: Alegria and My Parent's House.

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22- Urgent, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

1000 NW 1 Avenue, #100

Miami, FL 33136

Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival

7/21/2022 – 7/22/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the seventh annual “Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival,” showcasing short films made by filmmakers from around the world between the ages of 14-24, designed to encourage young filmmakers and support diversity by providing opportunities for young filmmakers to learn from industry experts, taking place at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater.

23- Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

10777 West Sample Road, #1105

Coral Springs, FL 33065

Yi Love Yiddishfest 2022

8/29/2022 – 9/3/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 5

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual “YI Love YiddishFest 2022,” a week-long in-person and virtual festival, celebrating Jewish culture, the Yiddish language, and the Jewish contribution to world mainstream culture, taking place at The Betsy Hotel and the Miami Beach JCC. All grant funds are used for activities that will occur in Miami-Dade County.

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