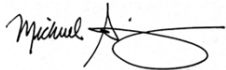


Memorandum



Date: September 18, 2019

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 29 grants for a total of \$185,000.00 from the FY 2019-2020 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 Community Grants program, panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on August 29, 2019 to review 29 applications requesting \$222,500.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 29 applicants for a total of \$185,000.00.

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 2019-20 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

1- Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. d/b/a Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,079
225 NE 59 Street
Miami, FL 33137
The Visual Life of Social Affliction
11/30/2019 - 12/13/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the exhibition opening during Miami Art Week and auxiliary public programming of "The Visual Life of Social Affliction." Taking place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex gallery, the exhibition is centered on contemporary Caribbean artists and writers and seeks to explore how the visual arts may enable ways of responding and attending to harms endured and justice longed for throughout the Caribbean and its diaspora.

2- Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company Recommended Award: \$4,719
8849 SW 132 Street
Miami, FL 33176
The Nutcracker: Community Performances and Outreach Activities
10/1/2019 - 9/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support performances of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" under the artistic direction of Angel Fraser-Logan and choreographed by Boston Ballet principal dancer Tony Catanzaro. The overall program will include three performances of the holiday favorite, featuring more than 100 dance students on stage at the Mandelstam Theater, ballet workshops in several area schools, and neighborhood performances at local malls and community events in South Miami-Dade County.

3- Arts Connection Foundation, Inc. Recommended Award: \$4,719
5775 NW 84 Avenue
Doral, FL 33166
Miami New Media Festival
10/25/2019 - 12/14/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 7, 10, 12

Funds are requested to support the fourteenth edition of the Miami New Media Festival, a curated exhibition devoted to artworks created with new media technologies, including digital art, computer graphics, computer animation, internet art, interactive art, video games, computer robotics, virtual reality, and performance art based on technological tools. Under the topic "Identity: the Last Frontier," this free event takes place at venues in Doral and West Miami-Dade County.

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4- Center Street Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

911 NW 209 Avenue, #105
Pembroke Pines, FL 33133
The Haunted Ballet
10/1/2019 - 10/31/2019

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

Funds are requested to support the fifth production of "The Haunted Ballet," a site specific, guided walk-through dance event taking place at The Barnacle Historic State Park in Coconut Grove, featuring local professionally choreographed short dances that portray ghost stories of the characters that walk the lands of the Barnacle, based on true historical events that took place in the area. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

5- Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

15250 SW 108 Avenue
Miami, FL 33157
La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival
12/6/2019 - 12/6/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity:

Funds are requested to support the twelfth annual "La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival," a holiday festival celebrating folklife traditions from Central and South America, most notably Nicaragua, featuring music and dance performances, parades and ethnic food. The free street festival takes place in Sweetwater.

6- Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,079

10854 SW 88 Street, #412
Miami, FL 33176
The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura
10/7/2019 - 10/12/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13

Funds are requested to support "The Reading Festival," a week-long multicultural celebration of literature, books, and art in Spanish held during Hispanic Heritage Month. With a central theme this year of the conservation of cultural heritage, free events will take place at the Mexican Cultural Institute, Books & Books in Coral Gables, Downtown Doral, and at several area schools and libraries.

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7- Florida Dance Education Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, FL 33156
Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler
10/1/2019 - 12/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler," bringing together the best of Miami's dance community on one stage to present a season preview showcasing the diversity and vibrancy of Miami's dance community. The event is held at the New World School of the Arts, in conjunction with the National Dance Education Organization Conference, bringing the national and international community of dance educators and artists to Miami for five days of workshops, seminars and performances.

8- Funcionarte Corp.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

3520 SW 25 Street
Miami, FL 33133
Fuera de Catálogo III Edition 2019
11/1/2019 - 11/8/2019

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

Funds are requested to support "Fuera de Catálogo III Edition 2019: 'Líneas de Fuga' (Escape Lines)," an art exhibition with five visual artists promoting healthy, active and positive looks at the theme of violence against women and girls. The project includes a book launch, "Ahorcados de tinta" (The Hangmen of Ink) by Venezuelan author María Dayana Fraile; "Cuenteros Cuenta Cuentos," an interactive tale and a puppet workshop for children; a screening of the documentary, "Territories of Breast," by Sonia Báez-Hernández; and a concert of folk music by New York-based female musicians

9- Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

12250 NW 2nd Ave
North Miami, FL 33168
Greek Festival of North Miami
11/1/2019 - 11/3/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the Greek Festival of North Miami, a four-day festival that incorporates the best of Greek culture, including art, dance, song, music, food and drink. Taking place at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, the festival offers South Florida residents and visitors exposure to Greek history through photo presentations, discussions, paintings, sculpture, jewelry and videos of Greece.

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10- Italian Film Festival, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

5151 Collins Avenue, #224
Miami Beach, FL 33140
Cinema Italy Film Festival
10/11/2019 - 10/20/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Cinema Italy, the rebranded Italian Film Festival, celebrating its seventeenth year showcasing the best of recent Italian cinema to South Florida audiences over two weekends at the Regal Cinemas on Lincoln Road and the O Cinema South Beach.

11- Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation

Recommended Award: \$4,719

4990 NW 31 Avenue
Miami, FL 33142
Bridging Classics of the Past with Classic of the Future
12/14/2019 - 12/14/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a concert of the mainly volunteer Miami Messiah Choir and String Orchestra, featuring local community members who will share their musical talents with the whole community and educate the audience about the Lemon City Cemetery through a lecture series for the performances.

12- Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,719

915 Lenox Avenue, #103
Miami Beach, FL 33139
Suena a Cuba (Sounds like Cuba)
11/9/2019 - 11/9/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Suena a Cuba (Sounds Like Cuba)," a musical performance of Cuban dances, including by Danzon, Chachacha and Mambo and Son; Zarzuelas, including works by Cecilia Valdes, Maria la O and Amalia Batista; and traditional songs, designed to immerse the audience in traditional Cuban culture at the Manuel Artime Theater.

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13- Merrick Festival, Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$9,439

PO Box 143506
Coral Gables, FL 33144
2019 Carolng Competition
11/1/2019 - 12/30/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the thirty-third annual "Carolng Competition," a holiday musical student showcase in downtown Coral Gables that focuses attention on the music programs in area schools by making it possible for the schools to offset their student transportation costs to the Festival.

14- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,719

1130 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139
MiamiArtZine.com
10/1/2019 - 9/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Miamiartzine.com, a vibrant, free online publication dedicated to promoting the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County through original articles, regular features, reviews, artist profiles, employment listings, an arts calendar and photo galleries of arts and cultural events. Miamiartzine.com is a resource used by Miami-Dade County residents and visitors from the United States and over 179 countries.

15- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, FL 33156
Miami Dance Future's Annual Concert
10/1/2019 - 12/12/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the production of Miami Dance Future's annual concert, featuring the world premiere of "Women," choreographed by Dr. Daniel Lewis, and motivated by the current global conversation on the #metoo movement and other issues related to women's rights. Presented at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex, this brand new work of art by Dr. Lewis is particularly significant for the Miami dance community he helped to shape for the past thirty years.

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16- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Literati Grove

Recommended Award: \$7,079

404 NW 26 Street

Miami, FL 33127

Komorebi 2019: An American Bonsai Exhibition

10/12/2019 - 10/13/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Komorebi 2019: An American Bonsai Exhibition," a two-day exhibition and public program dedicated to the Japanese art of Bonsai, or artistically trimming small potted trees. Taking place at the Light Box at Goldman Warehouse, the exhibition features critiques, demonstrations, discussion panels, and hands-on workshops, as well as specialty vendors with materials, specimens and tools for attendees to practice the art of Bonsai.

17- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Liony Garcia

Recommended Award: \$7,079

404 NW 26 Street

Miami, FL 33127

Corporeal Decorum

10/11/2019 - 10/12/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the presentation of "Corporeal Decorum," a live dance performance along with a guided educational tour of area Art Deco architecture in partnership with The Wolfsonian FIU exhibition, "Deco: Luxury to Mass Market" and Miami Beach's historic Art Deco District.

18- MUCE Educates

Recommended Award: \$9,439

9925 NW 25 Avenue

Miami, FL 33147

Uptown Avenue 7 Arts & Culture Festival

10/9/2019 - 11/8/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds requested are to support the third annual Uptown Avenue 7 Arts & Culture Festival, held at the Arcola Lakes Library Plaza, bringing visual art and sculpture, entertainment, a parade, vendors and cuisine to the 7th Avenue Corridor of North Miami.

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19- Music in Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

2891 NE 185 Street

Aventura, FL 33180

Music in Miami Concert Series 2019-2020

10/20/2019 - 7/26/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 5, 8

Funds are requested to support six family concerts, each of which includes an art project for attending children related to the presentations, and six chamber concerts, including a string quartet, a chamber orchestra, a classical trio and rhythms of the Americas, taking place in various schools, libraries and cultural venues throughout Miami-Dade County.

20- Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$2,364

490 Opa-locka Boulevard, #20

Opa-locka, FL 33054

Africa Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

11/7/2019 - 3/5/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support "Africa: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," a contemporary African arts exhibition that presents an intergenerational dialogue between established African artists born on the continent and those living in the diaspora, opening for Miami Art Week, and remaining open for four months.

21- Polish Film Festival Miami

Recommended Award: \$7,079

601 NE 36 Street, #1711

Miami, FL 33137

Polish Film Festival Miami

11/20/2019 - 11/23/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the second annual Polish Film Festival Miami, a four-day cultural event, bringing new films from Poland to a South Florida audience, under the theme of "Women, Film and Family." This year's event has expanded to include additional screenings, red carpet premieres and a children's animation program, all taking place at O Cinema South Beach.

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22- Prizm Projects, Inc.

19324 NW 56 Place
Miami Gardens, FL 33055
Prizm Art Fair
12/1/2019 - 12/7/2019

Recommended Award: \$4,719

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Prizm Projects, a public program of panels on contemporary arts practice and theory, and Prizm Perform, presenting performance artists from Africa and the African Diaspora, as part of the annual Prizm Art Fair, taking place during Miami Art Week at the Alfred I. DuPont Building.

23- Richmond Heights Community Association, Inc.

11203 SW 152 Street
Miami, FL 33157
Community Tree Lighting Arts Festival
12/13/2019 - 12/13/2019

Recommended Award: \$7,079

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the thirty-second annual "Community Tree Lighting Arts Festival," a long standing traditional celebration of African American heritage in South Miami-Dade County, featuring singing, poetry, rapping, stepping, cultural dances, skits, choirs, poets, bards, and comedians, all made up of residents from the community.

24- Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, Inc.

817 NE 125 Street
North Miami, FL 33161
Siudy Bailaora
11/18/2019 - 11/23/2019

Recommended Award: \$5,663

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to present the world premiere of "Bailaora – Within Me, Within You," a new work by the Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater Company, a collaboration of artists from Spain, Venezuela and Miami, taking place at the Adrienne Arsht Center Knight Concert Hall.

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25- The German School of South Florida, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

5790 Sunset Drive, #137
South Miami, FL 33143
Oktoberfest
10/5/2019 - 10/5/2019

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

Funds are requested to support the twenty-eighth annual German School of South Florida (GIPA) Oktoberfest, a celebration of German heritage, tradition, music, dance, culture and cuisine, as well as a showcase for the German international studies and language programs within the Miami-Dade public school system. Taking place at the German American Social Club, the program includes traditional German dance and artistic performances from more than 250 students from four Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

26- The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Kunya Rowley

Recommended Award: \$7,079

40 NW 3 Street, #305
Miami, FL 33128
Hued Songs: Spirituals & Orisas
12/13/2019 - 12/14/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Hued Songs: Spirituals & Orisas," exploring the genesis of black spirituals, tracing them back to the ancestral lands of Africa. Incorporating song, dance, and text, this performance and pre-show discussion with scholars of the African Diaspora at the Overtown Performing Arts Center seeks to immerse audiences in black culture, provoke thought, and to provide a platform for artists of color.

27- TL Tango Lovers Organization, Inc. d/b/a Global Arts Organization

Recommended Award: \$4,719

5241 SW 154 Place
Miami, FL 33185
Tango for All
10/18/2019 - 10/19/2019

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 8

Funds are requested to support two programs at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center: "I Am Tango," a show that presents the tango experience by staging its artistic evolution over time and its fusions with other genres through music, dance, songs, lighting, multimedia, costumes, aiming to reach diverse cultures and generations; and Tango For All, dance classes given by members of Tango Lovers, in which participants will learn basic tango steps or work to perfect their tango skills.

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28- Urban Oasis Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,079

10210 SW 103 Court
Miami, FL 33176
Pallets in the Park, Season 2
10/1/2019 - 6/1/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the second annual "Pallets in the Park," a monthly three-hour themed presentation of local authors, poets and music held at Legion Park on the fourth Saturday of each month. The program is designed to expose existing park and farmers market patrons to new and different artists in many genres, as well as attracting new people to the farmers market by providing culturally relevant and diverse programs.

29- Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,719

11031 SW 47 Street
Miami, FL 33165
Carols and Chocolate
11/29/2019 - 12/21/2019

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

Funds are requested to support "Carols and Chocolate," a holiday program including three Christmas Carol workshops and two final recitals in the Artefactus Black Box in Kendall and the Jorge Mas Canosa Recreational Center in Sweetwater. Attendees will learn the origins and how to sign holiday songs from different regions of the world, guided by professional singers from the Miami Opera, while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies.

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