

Memorandum



Date: November 20, 2019

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 28 grants for a total of \$190,000.00 from the FY 2019-2020 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 Community Grants program, panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on November 7, 2019 to review 28 applications requesting \$232,500.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 28 applicants for a total of \$190,000.00.

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) – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations

1- 4Ward Miami, Inc. d/b/a Gay8 Festival
421 NE 51 Street
Miami, FL 33137
Gay8 Festival
1/1/2020 - 2/16/2020

Recommended Award: \$6,306

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

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual Gay8 Festival, a Hispanic LGBTQ-hosted diversity and inclusion festival in Little Havana, on Southwest Eighth Street from 14 to 17 Avenues. The free festival draws thousands of attendees for a wide range of cultural programming, including music, film, art and food.

2- AYUDA, Inc. a/f/a Sunflower Society, Inc.
7144 Byron Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33141
After School Art for Life
1/8/2020 - 3/28/2020

Recommended Award: \$6,306

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

Funds are requested to support the free After School Art for Life program at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and the Overtown Youth Center, as well as free public culminating events to showcase student work, including the Japanese Festival and the end of school year art exhibit, both at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.

3- Brazilian Voices, Inc.
1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, FL 33326
Relaxing Bossa Nova & Jazz
1/10/2020 - 3/13/2020

Recommended Award: \$6,306

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a free public concert at the Sylvester Cancer Center's courtyard, featuring a small ensemble of Brazilian Voices, an all-female volunteer collection of acapella singers, showcasing the richness and diversity of Brazilian culture. Singers will also perform for patients at their bedside, during chemotherapy and in the pediatric oncology ward, to celebrate the therapeutic benefits of targeted arts therapy. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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4- Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$12,613**
4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33137
Miami Jewish Film Festival
1/9/2020 - 1/23/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Funds are requested to support the twenty-third annual Miami Jewish Film Festival, which brings filmmakers, educators, and industry professionals to Miami-Dade County to interact with audiences through seventy plus screenings of award-winning films and panel discussions in nine different venues throughout the community.

5- Dimensions Variable, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$5,887**
101 NW 79 Street
Miami, FL 33150
Entering Sacred Grounds
1/18/2020 - 3/14/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support an immersive installation by Miami-based artist Charo Oquet, exploring concepts of sacred spaces and spiritual encounters, as well as two activation performances by Oquet and collaborator Lubertu Rene, and a discussion between Oquet and curator Amy Galpin.

6- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$8,410**
12864 Biscayne Boulevard #436
North Miami, FL 33181
MLK Holiday Parade and Festival
1/20/2020 - 1/20/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3

Funds are requested to support the nation's oldest and largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday parade and festival, commemorating the civil rights icon's legacy by honoring and expanding the grand vision of freedom, justice, and equality for all people. Beginning in Liberty City and ending at MLK Memorial Park, the free public event spotlights a diverse culture and features arts programming, entertainment and culinary experiences that promote and unify civic pride as well as engenders a commitment to education, growth and development.

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7- Florida International University Board of Trustees, **Recommended Award: \$5,046**
for the benefit of Miami Beach Urban Studios

420 Lincoln Road #447
Miami Beach, FL 33139
XXIII New Music Miami ISCM Festival
1/15/2020 - 4/15/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the XXIII New Music Miami ISCM (International Society for Contemporary Music) Festival taking place at Florida International University's Miami Beach Urban Studios on Lincoln Road. Now in its twenty-third year, the New Music Miami Festival brings cutting edge contemporary art music to South Florida audiences, presenting some of the leading performers and composers of this work.

8- Florida Shakespeare Theater, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,306**

330 Alhambra Circle #200
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Free Shakespeare in the Park - Macbeth
1/1/2020 - 2/28/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 7, 12

Funds are requested to support Florida Shakespeare Theater's fifteenth annual free Shakespeare in the Park, with this year's production of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," featuring actors, period costumes and original music. Performance venues throughout Miami-Dade County include the North Beach Bandshell in Miami Beach, City Park in Doral, the Barnacle Historic State Park in Coconut Grove and Pinecrest Gardens.

9- France-Florida Foundation for the Arts, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,306**

1395 Brickell Avenue #1050
Miami, FL 33131
Tout-Monde Festival 2020
3/4/2020 - 3/8/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 7

Funds are requested to support the third edition of the Tout-Monde Festival, an initiative of the French Embassy's Cultural Services, organized in partnership with French Arts Associates. The event is a multidisciplinary contemporary arts festival that creates new opportunities for Caribbean contemporary artists by fostering relations and building long-term partnerships between French Caribbean and other Caribbean artists. Free films, concerts, performances and exhibitions will take place at venues across Miami-Dade County, including Vizcaya, the Pérez Art Museum Miami, The Wolfsonian and the Little Haiti Cultural Center.

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10- Girasol Foundation Inc

Recommended Award: \$6,306

2333 Brickell Avenue #2307

Miami, FL 33129

If I Can, You Can Too!

3/1/2020 - 3/22/2020

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

Funds are requested to support our project "If I Can, You Can Too!," a musical performance based on the personal experiences of a brave group of kids, confronting their disabilities (blindness, paralysis) and/or fears (bullying, domestic violence). Produced in conjunction with the Light House Children's Chorus and FuncionArte, the performances take place at Paseo Wynwood and Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus.

11- Global Arts Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

5400 SW 77 Court #1J

Miami, FL 33155

Artscape

2/23/2020 - 9/27/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the Artscape concert series in Miami Beach's Collins Park, featuring four performances on the last Sunday of the month in February, March, April, and September, designed to educate attendees about culturally diverse music forms that reflect the cultures and countries from which a large percentage of the Miami-Dade community hails.

12- Haitian American Youth Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,751

10840 SW 121 Street

Miami, FL 33176

Fête Culturelle Créole

1/1/2020 - 3/28/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to allow the Haitian American Youth Organization (HAYO) to showcase its members' cultural talents with performances, singing, poetry reading, and dancing to promote Haitian culture among Haitian youth and encourage and sustain artists in Miami-Dade County.

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13- Illuminarts, Inc. a/f/a Juraj Kojs

Recommended Award: \$6,306

1925 Washington Avenue, #22

Miami Beach, FL 33139

Orchid Music

1/5/2020 - 3/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the creation of a sound installation series at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, to complement and expand the multifaceted Million Orchid Project, highlighting the endangered Florida native species. The series will feature a sound installation consisting of ten to twelve technology-based modules placed at various locations in the garden, three performances and three coordinated sound walks for all visitors.

14- Kaleidoscope MusArt, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

8335 SW 72 Avenue #113

Miami, FL 33143

Echoes of Time - Spring 2020

2/22/2020 - 5/16/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 6, 7

Funds are requested to support a series of five piano concerts comprised of local and national talent taking place at the Granada Presbyterian Church, Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater, University of Miami Gusman Concert Hall, Steinway Piano Gallery and the Coral Gables Museum, as well as a masterclass in conjunction with the University of Miami Frost School of Music Advanced Piano Preparatory Program.

15- Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board

Recommended Award: \$6,306

111 NW 1 Street #1034

Miami, FL 33128

South Dade Gospel Fest

2/9/2020 - 2/9/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the eighth annual South Dade Gospelfest, one of the most anticipated events aimed specifically at recognizing the contributions of African Americans to the growth and development of Greater Miami-Dade County, taking place at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center as part of Black History Month celebrations.

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16- Miami International Ballet Competition Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,046

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, FL 33160
Miami International Ballet Celebration
1/26/2020 - 1/26/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the Miami International Ballet Celebration, a free public ballet performance at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach, featuring professional international guest artists accompanied by performers who participated in the Miami International Ballet Competition. The performance is the culmination of a week of sessions, workshops and master classes of artists, instructors and choreographers from all over the world, as well as dance groups within the Miami-Dade community.

17- Miami International Jazz Fest, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

1728 NE Miami Gardens Drive #352
North Miami Beach, FL 33179
Miami International Jazz Fest
2/14/2020 - 2/15/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the seventh annual Miami International Jazz Fest taking place at the Manuel Artime Theater and featuring renowned jazz artists from around the world, including Ramiro Aguirre y su Charanga, Yamit and The Vinyl Blvd, "The King of Latin Soul" Joe Bataan and his Barrio Boys and Grammy-award winner, Danilo Perez.

18- Miami Shores Village

Recommended Award: \$6,306

10050 NE 2 Avenue
Miami Shores Village, FL 33138
Miami Shores Village Concerts in the Park Series
1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Miami Shores Village Concerts in the Park Series, a free public arts and culture community event, taking place the second Friday of each month from January through March at Plaza 98 in Miami Shores.

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19- Miami Wind Symphony, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

2118 NE 40 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33033
Miami Wind Symphony Concert 2020
2/9/2020 - 3/22/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support the Miami Young Peoples' Concert, modeled after Leonard Bernstein's Young Peoples' Concert series, taking place at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center and the Miami Arts Studio at Zelga Glazer Middle School, featuring major works from the ever-growing Wind Symphony repertoire.

20- Path: Preserving Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.
a/f/a Spoken Soul Festival

Recommended Award: \$6,306

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, FL 33167
Spoken Soul Showcase Vol. 13
3/21/2020 - 3/21/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Spoken Soul Showcase Vol. 13, a free public showcase of women spoken word artists and other art forms, including photography, visual arts, short films, singers, rappers, comedians and fashion design. Taking place at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, the works are designed to ignite civic engagement, particularly on the topic of women's rights.

21- Power Access, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

1616 Michigan Avenue #1
Miami Beach, FL 33139
South Beach Jazz Festival 2020
1/3/2020 - 1/5/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the fourth annual South Beach Jazz Festival, featuring fourteen performances in various ADA accessible venues throughout South Beach and showcasing renowned musicians, some with disabilities, including David Sanborn, Bria Skonberg, The Goodwill Band, The Kiki Sanchez Jazz Ensemble, Jazz in Motion, Yainer Horta, Magela Herrera, Alfredo Chacon, Ruben Caban, Sammy Figueroa, Ashley Pezzotti and William Cepeda.

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22- Rise Kern Cultural Productions, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

4000 Towerside Terrace #908
North Miami, FL 33138
RK Cultural Productions 2020 Concert Series
1/3/2020 - 3/1/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 11

Funds are requested to support a series of three concerts featuring world-renowned ensembles performing classical music from Vivaldi and Geniniani as well as a hybrid of classical with Americana and modern pop music genres, taking place at the Aventura Arts and Cultural Performing Arts Center and Wertheim Performing Art Center.

23- Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$12,613

6401 SW 87 Avenue #115
Miami, FL 33173
South Miami Rotary Art Festival
2/22/2020 - 2/23/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the thirty-sixth annual South Miami Rotary Art Festival, a free, public, family-friendly, juried arts and crafts festival held in downtown South Miami, featuring 148 local and national artists, food vendors, and live jazz.

24- St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

PO Box 836225
Miami, FL 33283
St. Patrick's Day Festival
3/14/2020 - 3/14/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual St. Patrick's Day Festival, showcasing Irish culture and heritage to the Miami-Dade community, featuring traditional Irish folk music, Irish dancers, and a marching pipe and drum band. The public, family event takes place at Fred B. Hartnett/ Ponce Circle Park in Coral Gables.

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25- St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Community

Recommended Award: \$8,410

2401 SW 3 Avenue
Miami, FL 33129
Greek Festival of Miami
2/28/2020 - 3/1/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the Greek Festival of Miami, showcasing Greek culture to the Miami-Dade community through traditional Greek art, dance, music, folk singing and cuisine, taking place at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church.

26- The Dance NOW! Ensemble, Inc. a/f/a Miami Dance Hub, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

PO Box 416525
Miami Beach, FL 33141
Breaking the Wall: Dance Solos
1/7/2020 - 2/20/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “Breaking the Wall: Dance Solos,” an engaging dance experience focused on the theme of educating audiences through interactive, educational performances and discussions, featuring nine solo dance performers of various genres, including ballet, modern, tango, flamenco, and performance art, taking place at the Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus' Live Arts Lab

27- United Jewish Generations, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,306

16820 NE 6 Court
Miami, FL 33162
Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE)
2/9/2020 - 2/9/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the Fine Arts and Culture for the Elderly (FACE) event, an Eastern European Klezmer concert to benefit the senior community of Miami-Dade County, taking place at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theatre in North Miami Beach.

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28- Village of Pinecrest

Recommended Award: \$8,410

12645 Pinecrest Parkway

Pinecrest, FL 33156

Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival

1/25/2020 - 1/26/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support seventeenth annual art festival held at Pinecrest Gardens (former Parrot Jungle) in south Miami-Dade County, featuring juried art shows and original art from sixty nationally and internationally recognized visual artists. This year's festival will include interactive programming, an environmental art exhibition and demonstrations, live music, and children's activities.

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