

Memorandum



Date: September 21, 2022

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2022-2023 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 27 grants for a total of \$185,000.00 from the FY 2022-2023 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the first quarter (October 1, 2022 – December 31, 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 2022-2023 Community Grants program panel, chaired by Councilor Sandra Curbelo, convened on August 25, 2022 to review 27 applications requesting \$209,440.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 27 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 the program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of the event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2022-2023 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- AfriKin Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

2408 Florida Street
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406
AfriKin Art Fair
11/30/2022 - 12/4/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "AfriKin Art Fair: The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born," a series of contemporary African art installations, performing art pieces, literary art, fashion showcase, culinary art, poetry, and curated panel discussions and lectures taking place at the Miami Ironside. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

2- Aluna Art Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Fiber Artists Miami Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

6031 SW 97 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
Miami Textile Biennial
10/1/2022 - 11/30/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the first rendition of "Miami Textile Biennial," titled "Threading the City," a textile art exhibition celebrating Miami and the burgeoning of the world of textile arts presented at multiple venues across Miami-Dade County.

3- Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company

Recommended Award: \$7,118

8849 SW 132 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
"AFLDC Playground" Open Contemporary Community Class
10/4/2022 - 5/30/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support "'AFLDC Playground' Open Contemporary Community Class," an 8-month long, weekly contemporary dance class for intermediate and advanced dancers at Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company Studios, culminating with an in-studio end-of-the-year show taking place at Dance Empire of Miami Studios.

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4- Art for Us, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

10 SW South River Drive, #1904
Miami, Florida 33130
With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres
10/22/2022 - 10/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the ninth season of "With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres," concerts dedicated to classical, traditional music, and Hispanic feminine poetry taking place at Adriana Barraza Acting Studio.

5- Arts Connection Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

5775 NW 84 Avenue
Doral, Florida 33166
Miami New Media Festival 2022
10/15/2022 - 12/15/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the 17th edition of "Miami New Media Festival," a curated exhibition devoted to artworks created with emerging and low technological platforms. This year's program will feature the topic of "Civility Vs. Violence. Education, Art, and Community as a Way to Embrace Peace," taking place at the Doral Contemporary Art Museum DORCAM, Laundromat Art Space, and Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts.

6- Brevo Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

PO Box 667002
Pompano Beach, 33066
Brévo Theatre Presents the works of Adrienne Kennedy
10/22/2022 - 10/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Brévo Theatre Presents the works of Adrienne Kennedy," featuring a production of "Funnyhouse of a Negro" by Adrienne Kennedy, followed by a symposium on colorism and self-identity called "Between Two Worlds" at Little Haiti Cultural Center. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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7- Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

15250 SW 108 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33157
La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival
12/10/2022 - 12/10/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support "La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival," an annual holiday street festival celebrating folklife traditions from Central and South America, most notably Nicaragua, bringing together Miami-Dade County's cultural diversity in downtown City of Sweetwater.

8- Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

10854 SW 88 Street, #412
Miami, Florida 33176
The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura
10/3/2022 - 10/8/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the tenth annual "The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura," a week event dedicated to literature and arts during Hispanic Heritage Month featuring authors, storytellers, theater, and workshops for Hispanic children and adults, as well as students learning the Spanish language. This year's central theme is multiculturalism. The event will take place at Artefactus Black Box, Mexican Cultural Institute, Hialeah Public Library, Centro Mater, and various public schools throughout Miami-Dade County.

9- Due to Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

9300 NW 25 Street, #105
Doral, Florida 33172
Due to Arts Annual Festival
12/11/2022 - 12/11/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support "Due to Arts Annual Festival," a talent festival at Florida International University's Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, where students taking dance, vocal, and instrumental music classes are given the opportunity to showcase their talents and have their skills evaluated by qualified industry professionals and educators, encouraging and inspiring excellence and improvement.

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10- Florida Dance Education Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, Florida 33156
Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler
10/22/2022 - 10/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the twelfth annual "Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler," featuring two live performances and one online showcasing the rich array of diversity and talent the Florida dance community offers, taking place at the New World School of the Arts.

11- Florida Opera Prima, Inc. a/f/a Afro Borinken Roots Performing Group, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

500 NW 36 Street, # 302
Miami, Florida 33127
Puerto Rican Christmas Fest (Parrandon Navideño)
12/11/2022 - 12/11/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Puerto Rican Christmas Fest (Parrandon Navideño)," a performance dedicated to the traditional Christmas music of Puerto Rico, Villancicos (Christmas Carols), Aguinaldos (Country Music) and Plena y Bomba (Afro-Puerto Rican rhythms) and Traditional Plena dancing (Puerto Rican dances for Afro Puerto Rican rhythms), taking place at the Manuel Artime Theater.

12- Giants in the City, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,271

14615 S River Drive
Miami, Florida 33167
The youngest GIANT
10/9/2022 - 12/9/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13

Funds are requested to support "The youngest GIANT," a sizable inflatable art installation created by selected Miami-Dade County art school students under the guidance of local artists Alejandro Mendoza and Noor Blazekovic, taking place at the Miami Dade College.

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13- Indie Pasion Arts & Festivals, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

2050 Coral Way, #405
Miami, Florida 33145
Ibero-American Film Festival Miami
11/8/2022 - 11/13/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the fifth edition of "Ibero-American Film Festival Miami," designed to showcase the most recent contributions of Ibero-American independent filmmakers to the local film ecosystem taking place at Silverspot Cinema.

14- Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc. a/f/a Free Plastic, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

240 Crandon Boulevard, #108
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
Plastic Poetry
10/1/2022 - 9/15/2022

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

Funds are requested to support "Plastic Poetry, " an annual initiative showcasing poetry created by Miami-Dade County writers utilizing plastic pollution as the medium. Activities include writing workshops to source poems, community cleanups to source materials, and creative upcycling workshops to create the very letters used in the public art installations taking place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, A.D.(Doug) Barnes Park, Miami Beach Regional Library, and Belafonte Tacolcy Center.

15- Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation

Recommended Award: \$7,118

P.O. BOX 473247
Miami, Florida 33247
"Bridging Classics of the Past with Classics of the Future"
12/18/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Bridging Classics of the Past with Classics of the Future," an annual community holiday concert featuring a choral ensemble and orchestra designed to bring people of all ethnic backgrounds and cultures together, taking place at the Episcopal Church of Incarnation.

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16- Merrick Festival, Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$9,480

PO Box 143506
Coral Gables, Florida 33114
2022 Caroling Competition
11/30/2022 - 12/6/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the thirty-sixth annual "Caroling Competition," a holiday musical showcase that focuses on the music programs in the school system, featuring choir performances from thirty Miami-Dade schools on the steps of the 550 Biltmore Building in Coral Gables.

17- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

1775 Washington Avenue, #3
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
Miamiartzine.com
10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Miamiartzine.com," a free online publication dedicated to promoting and increasing awareness of the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County for county residents and visitors from the United States and over 179 countries.

18- MJD Wellness and Community Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

1151 NW 126 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
Cultural exchange through music performance
10/8/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support "Cultural exchange through music performance," a music festival showcasing Haitian heritage and culture and providing health, wellness, and social services to the community at Cagni Park.

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19- MUD Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

350 NE 75 Street, #360-123
Miami, Florida 33138
Media Under Dystopia
12/1/2022 - 7/1/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Media Under Dystopia," edition 3.0, an exhibition featuring artworks created by five visual artists using technology as a creative medium taking place at the MUD Foundation and online.

20- Music in Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

2941 NE 185 Street, #1308
Aventura, Florida 33180
Music in Miami 2022-2023 Concert Series
12/10/2022 - 7/29/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "Music in Miami 2022-2023 Concert Series," musical concerts showcasing Cuban colonial art compositions and instrumentation, as well as a musical story concert for children composed and authored by Eugenia Mendez, performed with vocals, flutes, and percussion, a Summer Solstice, a meditative family concert followed by original artwork and music presentation through NFTs created by CreatuRAX. The concerts will take place at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Gesù Catholic Church, Trinity Cathedral, and Kalos Music & Art School.

21- Shakespeare Troupe, Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$3,796

2010 Newcastle A
Boca Raton, Florida 33434
Shakespeare in Schools
10/1/2022 - 12/10/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Shakespeare in Schools," theatrical performances with professional rehearsed actors playing an abridged, one-hour version of a popular Shakespeare play, along with educational master classes at two Miami-Dade schools. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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22- Sybarite Productions, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

634 NE 71 Street
Miami, Florida 33138
LoveisLove Miami
10/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "LoveisLove Miami," a free community art and culture event featuring local and musical and dance performances, a screening of locally made short films, local artists painting live, and local food, drink and craft vendors taking place at the North Beach Bandshell.

23- The German School of South Florida, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

5790 Sunset Drive, #137
South Miami, Florida 33143
Oktoberfest
10/8/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the thirtieth annual GIPA "Oktoberfest," celebration showcasing German heritage through authentic German cuisine, culture, dance, and artistic performances from more than 250 students from three Miami-Dade County public schools taking place at German American Social Club.

24- TL Tango Lovers Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

5241 SW 154 Place
Miami, Florida 33185
Volver by Tango Lovers
10/23/2022 - 10/25/2022

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

Funds are requested to support "Volver by Tango Lovers," free tango dance classes and performances with musicians and singers taking place at the Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center (formerly the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center) with a free surprise "flash mob" performance at Miami International Airport.

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25- Vitrinalab Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,061

1000 Brickell Avenue, #715
Miami, Florida 33131
En la luz las alas
11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "En la luz las alas," a community-based mural that will be drawn on the exterior wall of Healthy Little Havana, depicting the life stories of immigrant residents in Little Havana.

26- World Affairs Council of Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,796

916 NE 90 Street
Miami, Florida 33138
Winter World Market and Festival
12/11/2022 - 12/11/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the " Winter World Market and Festival," a multicultural festival showcasing different cultures around the world through music, dance, spoken word, food, and goods taking place on the outdoor lawn and patio of Bay 13 Restaurant in Coral Gables.

27- Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,118

11031 SW 47 Street
Miami, Florida 33165
Carols and Chocolate
12/3/2022 - 12/18/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the annual "Carols and Chocolate" project, a traveling and interactive performance based on a repertoire of traditional songs and tales, in which musicians, actors, and visual artists provide cultural and educational performances that incorporate songs from different regions around the world. The event will take place at the Artefactus Black Box, Tamiami Trail North Park, Centro Mater School, and Redland Christian Migrant Association's (RCMA) Redland, South Dade, and Fernando Villa Schools.

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