

Memorandum



Date: July 17, 2019

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

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From: Michael Spring
Director

Subject: FY 2019-2020 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

The FY 2019-2020 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed using the iteration funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2019-2020 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per Grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2019-2020 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of twelve (12) grants for the FY 2019-2020 Capital Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2019-2020 Capital Development Grants Program Panel met on Friday, June 28, 2019. Twelve (12) organizations submitted applications to the program requesting a total of \$249,014 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all twelve (12) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Facilities improvements projects are evaluated on their capacities to improve the artistic capabilities of and/or the audience's ability to experience programs in applicant facilities, among other criteria. Priority consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Funding for the Capital Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2019-2020 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

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Grant No.	Applicant Organization	Project Description
1	Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support phase two of upgrades for wireless microphones to the 500mhz series following FCC guidelines and rules, and transfer outdated and non-repairable color scrolling color wash system to LED Colorsource Lealos and Pars. Also included in the request is a digital snake for inputs to sound equipment; two digital battery chargers plus 16 batteries for sound equipment; and a Ion Element Console lighting board for the Balcony Theatre.
2	Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the creation of a Print and Technology Lab in the classroom space at the Bakehouse Art Complex. The creation of this space aligns with a critical and overarching goal articulated in the organization's five-year plan: to invest in and develop our artist community and serve as a space for the greater community to engage with and encounter art and artists.
3	City of Miami	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of LED light fixtures for the Manuel Artime Theater located at 900 Southwest 1st Street in Little Havana. This new equipment will allow the theater to enhance services while continuing to provide affordable rental rates to artistic and other organizations that present enriching cultural and myriad events for all to enjoy.
4	City of Miami Beach	Grant funds will be used to purchase an LED display screen which includes a series of waterproof modules that can be combined in multiple ways to present various film and art productions at the North Beach Bandshell. The LED screen will also enable live streaming. The new LED screen will enable the facility's managing entity and City partner, The Rhythm Foundation, to offer more diverse programming and improve the audience experience.
5	Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the fabrication and installation of a new, ADA-compliant concessions counter to replace an existing structure which does not adequately meet the needs of Cinema patrons, particularly those needing an accessible height counter. Once installed the new counter will allow all visitors, regardless of physical ability, to access the counters directly in front of cash registers.
6	Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to add ADA automatic functionality to the lobby doors of the Sandrell Rivers Theater (SRT), and to equip the SRT's Rehearsal Studio with a lighting grid which will create a secondary performance space within the SRT complex. This secondary performance space will allow for smaller, more intimate performances and serve as an entry-level rental space for smaller producing organizations. These two projects will enhance the overall audience experience at the SRT.
7	Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of Jewish Museum of Florida	Grant funds are requested to upgrade the acoustical system in the 311 Washington Avenue building. Upgrades will address existing problematic sound / audio issues attendees experience while visiting the museum.

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8	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support the enhancement of The Lindemann Family Courtyard, the primary and largest, multi-use social and educational space used for public programs and special events. Enhancements include the installation of: 1) wall panels, 2) outswing operators on ADA accessible entrance; and 3) barn doors to separate the courtyard and the lobby. All enhancements will improve the museum's programming ability and allow for independent, non-assisted, inclusive access to the museum.
9	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	Grant funds are requested to support upgrades to the Robert Russell Memorial Theater, which include replacement of stage work lights; the purchase of 15 ULXD wireless microphones; and a video recording system. These changes will improve the audience's theater experience with enhanced sound, lighting and video recording, more polished performances and will enable performers and crew to more effectively and efficiently build stage sets and conduct rehearsals.
10	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	Grant funds will be used to support enhancements to the Museum's physical security capabilities, including the purchase and installation of security cameras around the exterior of the building. Using the latest 360-degree pan/tilt/zoom technology equipment, no less than 7 cameras will be purchased and installed. The scope of the work includes power, cabling, conduit, installation, communication cabling, devices and testing.
11	The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.	Grant funds will be used to demolish and renovate the organization's current occupied space and previously leased space. The renovation will increase the number of classes delivered as well as the accessibility for classes, performances, lobby/study area, bathrooms and office space. Usable area will be increased by 1,000 square feet, as the organization takes back space from a 20-year lease.
12	Village of Pinecrest - Pinecrest Gardens	Grant funds are requested to support the total renovation of the Dressing Room / Green Room at the Banyan Bowl Theater, which will include that addition of an ADA compliant, en suite bathroom. Currently, artists and other guests who utilize the Dressing Room / Green Room must exit the room to utilize the public restrooms nearby. This essential upgrade will ensure that all artists and other users, regardless of ability, will have a modern, comfortable, and fully accessible experience when visiting.