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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As Chair and on behalf of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, I am writing to express sincere gratitude for your support of funding the State of Florida's Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs grants programs in the 2019- 2020 budget.

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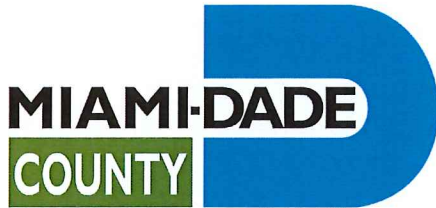
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Ms. Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State  
State of Florida  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee,

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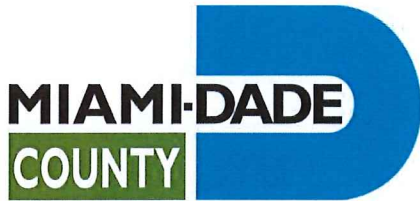
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The Honorable Senator Gary M. Farmer  
Florida Senate  
111 East Las Olad Boulevard, Suite 913  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Senator Farmer,

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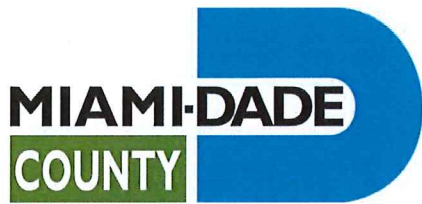
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The Honorable Senator Oscar Braynon, II  
Florida Senate  
606 NW 183 Street  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Dear Senator Braynon,

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In District 35 alone, five organizations will invest \$107,625.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

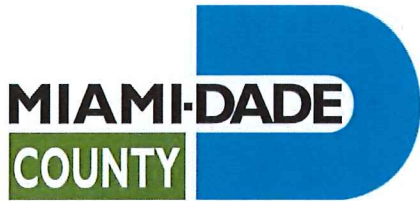
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The Honorable Senator Manny Diaz, Jr.  
Florida Senate  
10001 NW 87 Avenue  
Hialeah Gardens, FL 33016

Dear Senator Diaz,

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In District 36 alone, five organizations will invest \$108,342.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

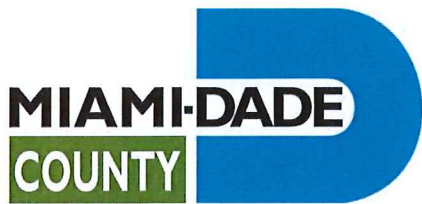
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The Honorable Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez
Florida Senate
2100 Coral Way, Suite 505
Miami, FL 33145

Dear Senator Rodriguez,

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In District 37 alone, 56 organizations will invest \$1,267,977.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

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The Honorable Senator Jason Pizzo  
Florida Senate  
5582 NE 4 Court, Ste 7B  
Miami, FL 33137

Dear Senator Pizzo,

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In District 38 alone, 48 organizations will invest \$1,249,948.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

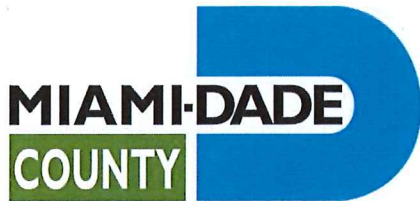
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The Honorable Senator Anitere Flores  
Florida Senate  
11401 SW 40 Street, Ste 465  
Miami, FL 33165

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In District 39 alone, four organizations will invest \$133,760.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

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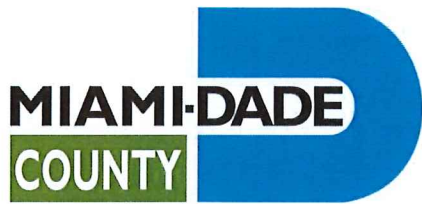
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10689 North Kendall Drive, Ste 212  
Miami, FL 3176

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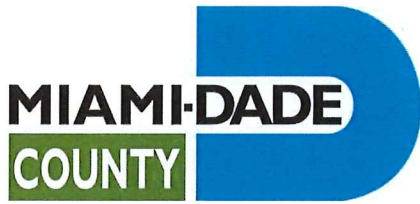
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100 West Dania Beach Boulevard  
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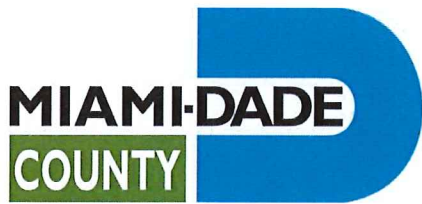
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August 21, 2019

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Florida House of Representatives  
8401 NW 53 Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

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Florida House of Representatives  
610 NW 183 Street, Ste 204  
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

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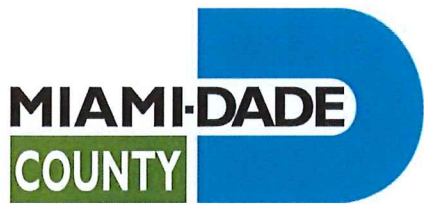
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The Honorable Representative Dotie Joseph  
Florida House of Representatives  
12330 Northeast 8 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33161

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In District 108 alone, 16 organizations will invest \$368,360.00 with matching dollars to deliver programs by and for your constituents. As you know, these arts and arts education programs have a direct impact on children and families throughout the entire state, serving more than 300,000 children and youth annually in Miami-Dade County alone.

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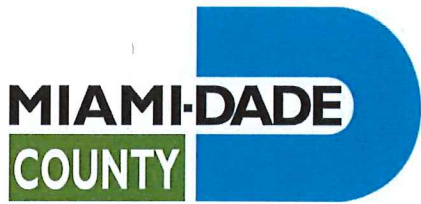
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The Honorable Representative James Bush III  
Florida House of Representatives  
13300 Northwest 27 Avenue, Suite 5  
Opa Locka, FL 33054

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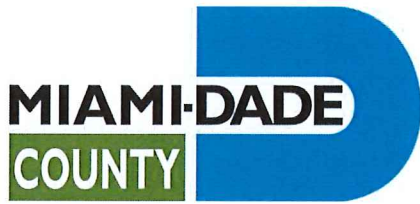
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Florida House of Representatives  
3798 West 12 Avenue, Ste A  
Hialeah, FL 33012

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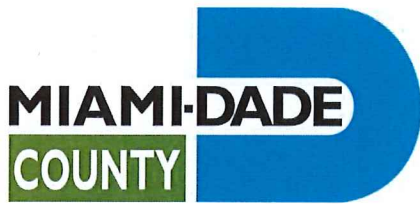
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The Honorable Representative Nicholas X. Duran  
Florida House of Representatives  
2100 Coral Way, Ste 302  
Miami, FL 33145

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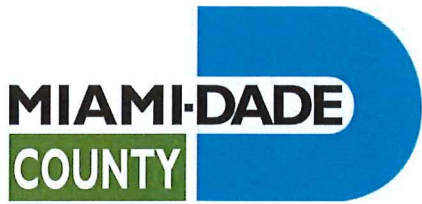
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The Honorable Representative Michael Grieco  
Florida House of Representatives  
1688 Meridian Avenue, Ste 900  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Representative Grieco,

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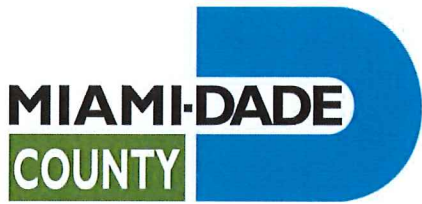
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The Honorable Representative Javier E. Fernández  
Florida House of Representatives  
5542 SW 8 Street  
Miami, FL 33134

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The Honorable Representative Vance Arthur Aloupis, Jr.  
Florida House of Representatives  
8500 Southwest 92 Street, Suite 202  
Miami, FL 33156

Dear Representative Aloupis,

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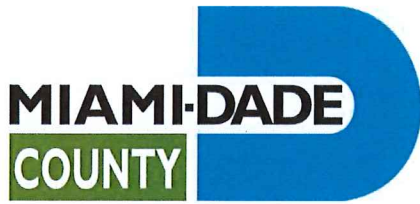
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Florida House of Representatives  
7901 SW 24 Street  
Miami, FL 33155

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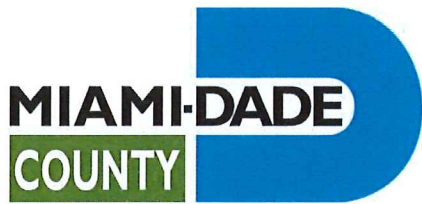
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The Honorable Representative Kionne L. McGhee  
Florida House of Representatives  
10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Ste 225  
Miami, FL 33189

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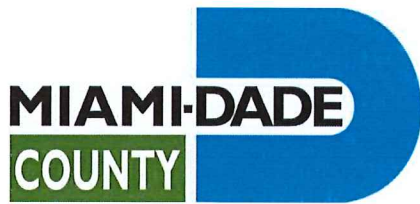
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The Honorable Representative Anthony Rodriguez
Florida House of Representatives
13372 Southwest 128 Street
Miami, FL 33186

Dear Representative Rodriguez,

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The Honorable Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin  
Florida House of Representatives  
2450 Southwest 137 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33175

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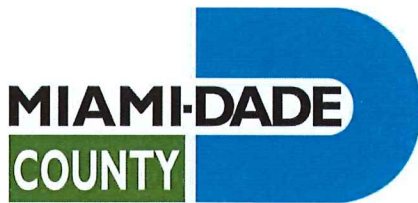
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The Honorable Representative Holly Raschein
Florida House of Representatives
99198 Overseas Highway, Ste 10
Key Largo, FL 33037

Dear Representative Raschein,

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The Honorable Representative Sharon Pritchett  
Florida House of Representatives  
8910 Miramar Parkway, Ste 309  
Miramar, FL 33205

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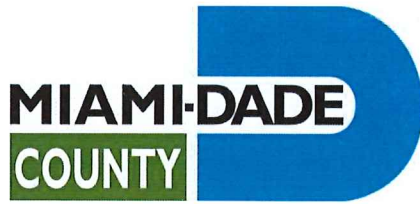
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The Honorable Representative Cindy Polo  
Florida House of Representatives  
7900 Oak Lane, Suite 400  
Hialeah, FL 33016

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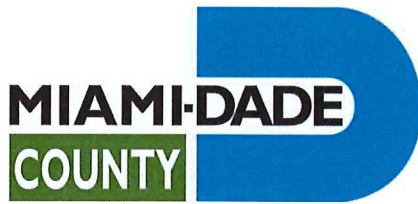
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Florida House of Representatives  
301 Hialeah Drive, Suite 117  
Hialeah, FL 33010

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