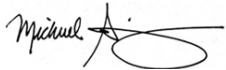


Date: September 16, 2020

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 23 grants for a total of \$145,000.00 from the FY 2020-2021 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, 2020 – December 31, 2020), 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 2020-2021 Community Grants program, panel chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina with Councilor Sandra Curbelo serving as vice chair, convened on August 27, 2020 to review 23 applications requesting \$174,500.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 23 applicants for a total of \$145,000.00.

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 2020-2021 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Alyans Atizay Ayisyen, Inc. a/f/a Art in the Sky

Recommended Award: \$2,749

225 NE 59 Street

Miami, FL 33137

Binduam II

10/2/2020 - 12/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3, 5

Funds are requested to support Binduam II, a multisensory, multidisciplinary, interactive public art installation by artist Asser Saint-Val in addition to free family workshops in venues across Miami-Dade County.

2- Arts Connection Foundation, Inc

Recommended Award: \$6,872

5775 NW 84 Avenue

Doral, FL 33166

Miami New Media Festival

10/17/2020 - 12/13/2020

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

Funds are requested to support the 15th edition of the Miami New Media Festival, a curated exhibition devoted to artworks created with emerging and technological platforms, including video art, and performance art, and new media under the topic "New Media Art and Censorship in the Information Era."

3- Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$9,163

15250 SW 108 Avenue

Miami, FL 33157

La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival

12/5/2020 - 12/5/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support the free 13th annual La Griteria holiday street festival, celebrating folklife traditions, music and dance performances, parades and ethnic food from Central and South America, most notably Nicaragua.

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4- Creative God, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$3,436**
8493 SW 161 Place, #201
Miami, FL 33193
Little Giants
11/2/2020 - 11/21/2020

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

Funds are requested to support Little Giants, a creative acting and film workshop project for the whole family but focused on children, culminating in the development, pre-production and production and screening of a short film presented to the public.

5- Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc **Recommended Award: \$6,872**
10854 SW 88 Street, #412
Miami, FL 33176
The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura
10/5/2020 - 10/10/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13

Funds are requested to support the eighth annual Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura, a free week-long event dedicated to literature and arts, held during Hispanic Heritage Month, featuring encounters with authors, storytellers, theater, and workshops for children and adults.

6- Doral Contemporary Art Museum Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,872**
5775 NW 84 Avenue
Doral, FL 33166
Activation+
11/28/2020 - 11/28/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support Activation+, a free event featuring local and international artists activating a three-block area in Downtown Doral with outdoor video projections, performance art, and artworks, kicking off Miami Art Week 2020 in Doral, and celebrating the inauguration of the new Downtown Doral Arts District.

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7- Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden a/f/a Lauren Shapiro **Recommended Award: \$6,872**
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156
Collective Textures
10/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support *Collective Textures*, a site-specific ceramic tile installation by artist Lauren Shapiro in an outdoor tropical plant sanctuary at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, exhibiting the culmination of the artist's Knight Arts Challenge visual art project, *Molding the Future*.

8- Florida Dance Education Organization, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,872**
8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, FL 33156
Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler
10/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the annual Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler, celebrating its tenth anniversary, to be held at the New World School of the Arts Dance Theatre, and featuring the diversity and talent representative of the Florida dance community.

9- Interart Media Foundation Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,872**
3000 North Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33127
Hispanic Theater Fest
9/10/2020 - 11/10/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the Hispanic Theater Fest at Paseo Wynwood, featuring seven short plays, written, directed and performed by a native troupe from seven different Hispanic countries, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

10- Italian Film Festival, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$3,436**
5151 Collins Avenue, #224
Miami Beach, FL 33140
Cinema Italy Film Festival
9/10/2020 - 10/13/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 18th annual Cinema Italy Film Festival (formerly Italian Film Festival), featuring South Florida premieres of ten of the top Italian films produced in the past year.

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11- Kendall Art Cultural Center, Inc.

12063 SW 131 Avenue
Miami, FL 33186
Fine Arts on the Plate
11/26/2020 - 1/28/2021

Recommended Award: \$6,872

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support Fine Arts on the Plate, an art exhibition that champions the art, history, creation, and evolution of ceramics, presented during Miami Art Week, and featuring thirty visual artists who mainly work on canvas, challenging them to create in ceramics.

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

240 Crandon Boulevard, #108
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
Plastic Poetry
10/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Recommended Award: \$6,872

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 5, 7

Funds are requested to support Plastic Poetry, a free collaborative community project showcasing the words of Miami-Dade County residents in high-profile locations throughout the county, using the medium of recycled plastic pollution. Activities will include generative 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.

13- Magic Slippers Fine Arts Academy Inc

1132 Pennsylvanie Avenue, #3
Miami Beach, FL 33139
España entre Cortinas (Spain Between Curtains)
12/5/2020 - 5/12/2020

Recommended Award: \$3,436

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support España entre Cortinas / Spain Between Curtains, a dance-musical event featuring Spanish ballet, opera and zarzuela singers, and a Spanish sainete (comic one-act play) entitled "La Verbena de la Paloma."

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14- Merrick Festival, Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$9,163

PO Box 143506
Coral Gables, FL 33114
Caroling Competition
11/3/2020 - 12/31/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the 34th annual Caroling Competition, a free holiday musical showcase that focuses attention on the music programs in our schools by inviting over 1,500 young people from 30 Miami-Dade K-8, Middle and Senior High schools to perform holiday standards.

15- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,665

1775 Washington Avenue, #PH2
Miami Beach, FL 33139
MiamiArtZine.com
10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support Miamiartzine.com, a free online publication used by residents and visitors from over 179 countries, dedicated to promoting awareness of arts and culture in Miami-Dade County, via artists who write, edit and create art and articles for the site.

16- Prizm Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,872

19324 NW 56 Place
Miami Gardens, FL 33055
Prizm Art Fair 2020
11/30/2020 - 12/21/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the annual Prizm Panels and art programs at the Prizm Art Fair 2020, an incubator for partnering artists and designers from the global African Diaspora during Miami Art Week.

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17- Richmond Heights Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,872

11203 SW 152 Street

Miami, FL 33157

Community Tree Lighting Arts Festival

12/12/2020 - 12/12/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the free 33rd annual Community Tree Lighting Arts Festival, celebrating the unity, collaboration and the commemorative spirit of the community by showcasing local performing artists in the South Miami-Dade County area.

18- Sybarite Productions Inc

Recommended Award: \$6,872

634 NE 71 Street

Miami, FL 33138

LovelsLove Miami

10/25/2020 - 10/25/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support LovelsLove Miami, a free community arts and culture event featuring local musical and dance performances, a screening of locally made short films, local artists painting in person, as well as local food, drink and craft vendors.

19- The East-West Foundation

Recommended Award: \$6,872

3099 NW 44 Street

Miami, FL 33142

Snapshot of Miami's African American Muslim Experience

10/1/2020 - 12/18/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the history of Miami's Muslim Diaspora through an American Muslim art exhibit at Masjid al-Ansar in Liberty City, highlighting the unique contributions of this community to Miami-Dade's cultural heritage.

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20- The German School of South Florida, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,872

5790 Sunset Drive, #137
South Miami, FL 33143
Oktoberfest
10/3/2020 - 10/3/2020

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

Funds are requested to support the free 29th annual German International Parent Association (GIPA) Oktoberfest celebration, presenting dance and artistic performances from more than 250 children from four Miami-Dade County public schools with German language programs, paying tribute to the classic German heritage celebration.

21- TL Tango Lovers Organization Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,872

5241 SW 154 Place
Miami, FL 33185
Tango Intimo by Tango Lovers
11/15/2020 - 11/23/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 11

Funds are requested to support Tango Intimo, a free intimate performance of tango music and songs from the classical and contemporary tango repertory, along with two master classes at Florida International University's school of music.

22- Village of Pinecrest

Recommended Award: \$6,872

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, FL 33156
Nights of Lights Cultural Arts Festival
11/27/2020 - 1/1/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the ninth annual Pinecrest Gardens Nights of Lights Cultural Arts Festival, offering holiday-themed cultural arts and performances nightly from Thanksgiving weekend through New Year's Day.

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23- Zunzun Arts & Education Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,872

11031 SW 47 Street
Miami, FL 33165
Carols and Chocolate
12/5/2020 - 12/19/2020

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

Funds are requested to support the annual Carols and Chocolate project, including three carols workshop and two culminating public recitals of Christmas songs from different regions of the world, guided by professional singers of the Miami Opera, choir directors, and specialists in the genre, while the audience enjoys cups of hot chocolate and cookies.

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