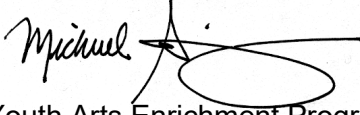


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To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2021-2022 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2021. In light of the uncertainty surrounding the continued impact of Covid-19 on public programs, the Department will assess the grantee's feasibility of presenting public programs in traditional venues and performing spaces at that time; if necessary, the Department is prepared to exercise appropriate contractual flexibility to include virtual programs and other program delivery strategies as may be necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 29 grants for a total of \$550,000. from the FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, convened on August 25, 2021, to review 32 applications requesting a total of \$655,000. The Panel recommended funding 29 applications for a total of \$550,000.00. Three (3) applications scored below the threshold established by the Panel and were not recommended for funding.

YEP was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust. The objective of the YEP Grants Program is to enrich the lives of children through the arts by making the arts available to more children and families throughout Miami-Dade County, whereby children will have opportunities to have positive live arts experiences through:

- Arts Instruction
- Arts Intervention
- Healing/Expressive Arts
- In-school Arts Residencies and Performances
- Out-of-School/Public Arts Exhibitions and Performances

Applicants to this program must have a minimum one-year track record of providing high quality, cultural arts programs for children and/or youth. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

YEP is structured into three funding categories:

CATEGORY A: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts, such as sequential arts instruction, after-school arts programs, in-school arts residency programs, etc. These projects must be able to measure the impact of repeated participation in these programs on the students over the project period. **Applicants in Category A may request up to \$30,000.**

CATEGORY B: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for arts enrichment experiences for children and youth. **Applicants in Category B may request \$10,000.**

CATEGORY C: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that serve children, youth and young adults with disabilities through inclusive arts and cultural programs so that kids of all abilities and their families can participate fully in the arts. **Applicants in Category C may request up to \$20,000.**

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact, 2) artistic merit, 3) management and financial capability, and 4) reach, giving priority attention to: projects that address children whose ability to participate in such programs may be limited by geography, economics or disability; and projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

Funding for the YEP program is derived from the FY 2021-2022 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to the availability of funds.

Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) FY 2021-2022 Grant Award Recommendations

1 - **After School Film Institute, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$25,599

Build Careers, Build Communities

Grant funds will be used to support "Building Careers, Building Communities" for 20 students ages 13-17, from December 9, 2021 to April 7, 2022, at AP Mays Center of the Arts in Goulds, Miami. Activities will include the production of a professionally produced short film created between program participants and award-winning industry professionals (mentors) working side by side. Participants will engage in the various crafts involved in video production and benefit from life skills provided by mentors through the program.

2 - **Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$26,225

Arts Ballet goes to School at Ojus Elementary

Grant funds will be used to support the fifth year of "Arts Ballet goes to Ojus Elementary School" for 30 students ages PreK to 5th Grade, at Ojus Elementary School in Miami for a 22-week residency program. Children will learn the basics of ballet and other dance styles and will benefit from classes including an introduction to ballet appreciation, theory of dance, ballet vocabulary, and Russian ballet style.

3 - **Brazilian Voices, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$20,000

Music, Kids & Wellness

Grant funds will be used to support "Music, Kids & Wellness" for 1,000 youth ages 0 to 21, October 2021 through May 2022, at the Nicklaus Children's Hospital and Baptist Health Pediatrics, in Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include singing music and playing small percussion instruments to popular Brazilian and American songs. Participants will engage in cross-cultural musicmaking, and experience the healing benefits of sharing and making music, in the hospital setting.

4 - **Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$30,000

CAP Miami Jazz Institute Creative Improv

Grant funds will be used to support the "CAP Miami Jazz Institute Creative Improv" for 110 students ages 10-18, from across Miami-Dade County, October 2, 2021 to May 29, 2022 at Coral Gables Congregational Church. Project activities will include twice-weekly harmony classes, instrument coaching, and jam sessions. Participants will explore unique musical ideas, and benefit from skills that create freedom of expression over many styles, to build well-rounded musicians for today's varied performance demands.

5 - **El Ingenio Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$25,568

Centro Mater Arts Education Project

Grant funds will be used to support the "Centro Mater Arts Education Project" program for 60 students, ages 6 to 12 years from October 4, 2021 to May 19, 2022 at the Centro Mater East Child Care Center in Little Havana. Project activities will include theater, dance, music, and drawing. Participants will engage in painting, singing, dancing, acting, and makeup. Children learn through art activities how to improve their skills and use them in a full theater production.

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6 - **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Growing Beyond Earth Space Garden Design Challenge

Grant funds will be used to support the "Growing Beyond Earth Space Garden Design Challenge" for 1,680 students ages 5-12 from across the county, from Oct 21, 2021 - May 22, 2022 at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami. Project activities will include designing, drawing, and constructing 3D models of self-contained gardens for growing plants in space. Participants will engage in visual and applied arts and design and benefit from problem-solving, public speaking, plant science while exploring structure and function.

7 - **Friendship Circle of Miami**

Recommended Award: \$18,778

The Friendship Circle Band

Grant funds will be used to support the "Friendship Circle Band" for 15 students ages 6-22, from October 2021 through May 2022 at the Friendship Circle Campus in Miami. Project activities will include learning how to play various instruments, basic music theory, and live performances. Participants will engage in music and benefit from learning how to play various instruments, socializing and building confidence amongst peers, learning music theory, and developing fine and gross motor skills.

8 - **Gablestage, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

GableStage 2022 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour

Grant funds will be used to support "GableStage's 2022 Shakespeare in the Schools Tour" for 6,500 students ages 12-18, February-April 2022 at various Miami-Dade County Public Schools, located throughout the County. Project activities will include performances, talkbacks, and a study guide. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit from experiencing a live theatre production, meeting and learning from theatre professionals, and hands-on experience of the curriculum through Shakespeare.

9 - **Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$9,400

Inclusive Dance Comes to Your School

Grant funds will be used to support 2 full-length dance performances for students ages 15-18 from October 2021 to May 2022 at the Palmetto Sr. & Hialeah Sr. High Schools, in Pinecrest and Hialeah. Project activities will also include 8 in-school movement workshops for 40 students prior to the performance. Participants will engage in physical skills which will improve their self-esteem, engagement with others, physical awareness, teamwork through intense instruction in the field of physically integrated dance.

10 - **Mahogany Youth Corporation**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Teach A Child To Fish

Grant funds will be used to support "Teach A Child To Fish" for 125 students ages 6-18 and 20 young adults with disabilities ages 18 -22 October 1, 2021- May 31, 2022, at the His House Foster Care, Learning Lab EduCenter (LLab) with instruction in classrooms in Miami Gardens, Homestead and Miami. Project activities will include fishing, life skills, and STEAM activities.

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11 - **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

A Day Where Art Meets Nature

Grant funds will be used to support "A Day Where Art Meets Nature" for 640 students ages 6-17, October 1, 2021 - May 30, 2022 at the MSD Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne. Project activities will include plein-air art classes, drawing, poetry, and sculpture inspired by nature explorations. Participants will engage in the study of art elements such as color, texture and patterns in nature and benefit from being outdoors and being creative while learning about environmental conservation.

12 - **Mexican American Council, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$26,412

Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory

Grant funds will be used to support the "Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory" for 45 students ages 5-18, from October 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 at the MAC Redland Parent Resource Center in Homestead. Project activities will include after-school music instruction including music theory, music ensemble, and music history. Participants will engage in Mariachi music and benefit from learning to master a percussion, brass, or string instrument as well as vocal lessons in a social-emotional learning environment.

13 - **Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Violinist Joshua Bell & Academy of St Martin in the Fields Miami Residency

Grant funds will be used to support "Violinist Joshua Bell and ASMF Miami Residency" for 2,000 students ages 11-16, on February 27, 2022 at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami. Project activities will include two performances: an interactive concert for Miami-Dade Public School students and a side-by-side performance with youth orchestras. Participants will engage in classical music activities with a legendary musician and ensemble.

14 - **Miami City Ballet, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$30,000

Ballet Bus Year 7: Long-Term Arts Education Scholarships

Grant funds will be used to support the "Ballet Bus" program for 40 students ages 7-15, from October 1, 2021 to May 30, 2022 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities will include: bus transportation and full scholarships to study ballet, wellness education, and performance opportunities. Participants will engage in dance training for up to ten years and benefit from mentorship by world-class faculty, annual evaluations, family engagement, and social-emotional support.

15 - **Miami New Drama, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$25,505

Miami New Drama In-School Residencies

Grant funds will be used to support "Miami New Drama In-School Residencies" for 60 students ages 13-17, from October 2021 - December 2021 at the Miami Beach Senior, Miami Coral Park Senior in Miami Beach and Little Havana. Project activities will include courses focused on theater history, writing, voice, movement, acting and design. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit from training in performance and creation to develop tools for artistic and personal expression.

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16 - Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series

Grant funds will be used to support the Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series for 1,800 students, ages 5-12, from January - May, 2022 at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach. Project activities will include 4 professional theatre productions with Q & A sessions, advanced classroom prep using a Study Guide and reading the book from which the show is adapted. Students will experience the excitement of live educational, values based theatre in a professional theater setting.

17 - Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$26,600

MOCA Teen Art Force 2021-2022

Grant funds will support MOCA Teen Art Force 2021-2022 for 25 students ages 13-17, October 4, 2021 - May 27, 2022 at Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami. Activities include advanced art and design, field trips, artist presentations, MOCAzine, and exhibitions of student work. Participants engage in the visual arts through courses in fashion design, textiles, drawing, portfolio, mixed media, sculpture, printmaking, photography, and art writing that are inclusive of multiple learning styles.

18 - New World Symphony, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

NWS Education Concerts

Grant funds will be used to support New World Symphony's Education Concerts for approximately 1,500 students ages 9-17 on January 26 and 27, 2022 at the New World Center in Miami Beach. These thematic, daytime concerts will introduce major orchestral works and composers to students from Miami-Dade County. A study guide will be sent in advance to all participating classes and roundtrip bus transportation will be provided free of charge.

19 - O, Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$25,787

O, Miami's Classroom Residencies

Grant funds will be used to support O, Miami's Classroom Residencies for 150 students ages 6-17, from October 2021 to May 2022 at various Miami Dade County Public Schools in Coconut Grove, Liberty City, Westchester and Morningside. Project activities will mix poetry with other art forms such as music, and visual arts. Participants will engage in literary arts, performing arts, and visual arts and benefit from thinking critically; discovering the value of their own stories and gaining confidence.

20 - Orchestra Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Orchestra Miami/Carnegie Hall Link Up Program

Grant funds will be used to support the Orchestra Miami/Carnegie Hall Link Up program for 1,500 students ages 8-10, October 4, 2021 - May 27, 2022 at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and in various Miami-Dade public schools. Project activities include weekly lessons taught by MDCPS teachers, classroom activities with OM musicians, and culminating in a final concert where students perform with the orchestra. Participants will engage in music lessons, learning to play an instrument, while learning about classical music.

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21 - **PINECREST CITY MUSIC PROJECT INC**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

2022 2nd Annual South Dade Schools ArtsFest

Grant funds will be used to support the "2022 2nd Annual South Dade Schools ArtsFest" for 875 students, located at Pinecrest Gardens on March 12, 2022. Project activities will include visual and performing arts and arts-sensory programming. Participants will engage in and benefit from public access cultural arts performances, exhibitions, and activities.

22 - **Seraphic Fire, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$26,662

2021-2022 Seraphic Fire Choral Education Residency at Fulford Elementary

Grant funds will be used to support the Choral Education Residency for 35 students ages 8-11, from October 1, 2021 to May 15, 2022 at Fulford Elementary School in North Miami. Project activities will include instruction in music theory and vocal technique provided by professional Serafic Fire singers/educators and the 2021-22 UM Choral Education Resident Teacher. Participants will engage in choral music and benefit from improved academic performance, enhanced life skills and the inclusion of music in their lives.

23 - **South Florida Arts & Counseling Inc**

Recommended Award: \$18,222

"My Talent, My Future"

Grant funds will be used to support "My Talent, My Future" for 15 students with emotional/behavioral disabilities ages 7- 14, from October, 2021 to April, 2022 at Overtown Youth Center, YMCA Overtown, and Citrus Grove Elementary after school programs. Project activities will include free music counseling, music instruction, expressive art interventions and music performances. Participants will engage in therapeutic musical expression and benefit from increasing their emotional and behavioral functioning while building music skills.

24 - **SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INC**

Recommended Award: \$10,000

The Power of Persistence: Women Who Changed the World

Grant funds will be used to support the "Power of Persistence" for 2000 students ages 6 - 13, in March 2021 at the North Beach Bandshell in Miami Beach's North Beach Neighborhood. Project activities will include attendance at symphony performances. Participants will engage in the music concert while benefitting from science, tech, engineering, arts, & math (STEAM) integrated learning activities.

25 - **The Dance NOW! Ensemble, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$26,193

Dance NOW! Miami Long-Term Residency at John A. Ferguson Senior High

Grant funds will be used to support a Dance NOW! 10-week Public School Residency for 70 students ages 13-18, October, 2021 to May, 2022 at The John A. Ferguson Senior High School Dance Department. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars as well as: creating new works, coaching, performing opportunities and attending a free performance by Dance Now! Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

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26 - The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$26,568

Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program

Grant funds will be used to support "Discover Deering STEM + Arts After-School Program" for 180 students ages 6-14, October 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022 at the Deering Estate in Palmetto Bay. Project activities will include poetry, painting, drawing, and photography of our natural environments. Participants will engage in STEAM activities and benefit from making connections to nature while documenting memories through integrated arts, environmental science, and outdoor play.

27 - The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$26,350

From Page to Film: Video Making Workshops for Children With Autism

Grant funds will be used to support "From Page to Film: Video Making Workshops for Children With Autism" for 50 students ages 6-12, October 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022, at Miami Children's Museum and schools serving children with autism in Miami and Coral Gables. Monthly activities will include reading, narrating, reciting, acting. Participants will engage in acting/performing and video production and will benefit from practicing pronunciation, intonation, expressiveness, and building self-confidence.

28 - The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

PIANO SLAM 14

Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 14 for 8,500 students ages 12-18, October 1, 2021 -May 30, 2022 at various Miami-Dade County Title 1 schools. Project activities will include in-school live music, authors of diverse backgrounds, poetry writing workshops and competition, and teacher professional development. Participants will engage in music, poetry, and creative writing and benefit from language development, creative and scientific exploration using music, and learning about citizen science while writing about climate gentrification.

29 - The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$26,131

Arts Adventures

Grant funds will be used to support "Arts Adventures" for 75 students ages 7-11, from March 21 to April 7, 2022, at the BridgePrep Academy in Miami's Little Havana neighborhood. Project activities will include a full week of out of school programming , plus two weeks of afterschool programming learning about several art forms and engaging in creative activities around the arts. Participants will experience opera, ballet, theater, and fine arts and benefit from learning to appreciate and enjoy these art forms.
