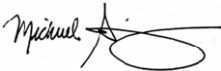


Memorandum



Date: May 20, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring 
Subject: FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 18 grants for a total of \$81,500.00 from the FY 2014-2015 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2014-2015 Community Grants program panel chaired by Janá Sigars-Malina convened on Thursday, April 30, 2015, to review 18 applications requesting \$113,391.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 18 applicants for a total of \$81,500.00.

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 2014-15 Community Grants (CG) – 4th Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1 Algo Nuevo Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$4,102

412 NW 11 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33128
Algo Nuevo Series
July 26-September 27, 2015

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

Funds are requested to present the 9th Annual Algo Nuevo Performance Series. These multigenerational, multicultural performances include folkloric dances and Latin musical rhythms such as the merengue, apambichao, cumbia, tango, bossa nova, jazz and more. Five free of charge performances will take place at local senior centers, Jack Orr Senior Center and De Hostos Senior Center, and two ticketed performances will be held at the Polish American Club. These events are open to the public.

2 City of Doral Parks & Recreation

Recommended Award: \$3,500

8401 NW 53 Terrace
Doral, Florida 33166
Hispanic Heritage Doral 2015 Art Exhibit
September 17-24, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12*

Funds are requested to support The Hispanic Heritage Doral 2015 Art Exhibit, an exhibit designed to represent and celebrate Hispanic Heritage. The exhibit will be held at the Doral Government Center, located at the heart of the City of Doral and will kick off with an opening night open to the general public. The exhibit is free of charge.

3 Cuban Theatre Folklore Heritage, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,000

250 West 25 Street
Hialeah, Florida 33010
Guateque en el Solar
July 19, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12*

Funds are requested to support the first presentation of Guateque in the Solar, a multidisciplinary arts performance celebrating music and dance from Cuba and other Latin American countries. The performance will blend theatre, music and dance and will take place at the Jorge Mas Canosa Center. This event is open to the public.

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4 Culture and Community Association, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,102

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World
July 17-September 11, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 6, 7*

Funds are requested to support the 2015 Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World. This program consists of a series of narrated, bilingual cultural presentations showcasing the beauty of tango and other artforms. The performances will be presented at senior centers throughout Miami-Dade County, including Miami-Dade County Adult Day Care, Technical Institute Auditorium, Residential Plaza and the Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. These events are open to the public.

5 Developing Dreams Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,126

PO Box 220644
Hollywood, Florida 33020
P.A.P. - The Musical - Performing Arts Politics
July 5-August 8, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support P.A.P. The Musical - Performing Arts Politics, a musical theater production at the Colony Theater presented by Developing Dreams Foundation. In this production, twenty professional performing artists' lives unravel on stage as they audition for the job of a lifetime. This event is open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

6 DINGGIN, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,126

5291 SW 89 Avenue
Cooper City, Florida 33328
Summer Musicals in Dade County
July 6-September 12, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2*

Funds are requested to support the production and promotion of Dinggin's Summer Musical in Miami-Dade County at the Bethany Evangelical Covenant. This performance is presented in collaboration with other local non-profit organizations and community living facilities serving seniors, children and residents with disabilities in Miami-Dade County. The event is open to the public. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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7 Florida International University Board of Trustees for the benefit of the College of Architecture and the Arts

Recommended Award: \$2,131

11200 SW 8 Street, PCA 280
Miami, Florida 33199
Community Comic Book
July 1-September 7, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the publication of the Community Comic Book issue of Super Health Heroes dealing with diabetes and a companion exhibition of interactive “coloring.” The exhibition will take place at Miami Beach Urban Studio and will invite the public to read, experience, and learn about promoting healing, understanding and support through art. The comic coloring books created by students at Florida International University are free to children diagnosed with diabetes at Miami Children’s Hospital.

8 Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,785

18441 NW 2 Avenue, Suite 106-108
Miami Gardens, Florida 33169
Recovery in the Arts
July 6-September 25, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support the Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.'s innovative Recovery in the Arts project, a series of free art workshops which provide adults with severe and persistent mental illness, a unique healing opportunity to learn, create, and display their artwork at the Recovery Month Exhibit. The project will be held at Jackson Community Mental Health Center in Miami Gardens and the Rohde Building in downtown Miami. This exhibit is free of charge and open to the public.

9 Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for ANTIHEROES PROJECT, INC.

Recommended Award: \$5,126

7601 Byron Avenue, #4C
Miami Beach, Florida 33141
Azul Tirreno
July 1-September 12, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

Funds are requested to support the presentation of Azul Tirreno (Tyrrhenian Blue), an original interdisciplinary theater project by Antiheroes Project to be presented at Artefactus Cultural Project, located in West Kendall. Azul Tirreno is a tribute to the author of The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint Exupéry, and it will feature original music composition, projections and a non-linear dramaturgical construction. This event is open to the public.

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10 Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a for Artefactus Cultural Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,126

7601 Byron Avenue, #4C
Miami Beach, Florida 33141
Little Theatre
September 18-27, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9*

The funds are requested to support the Little Theatre Project, which include three workshops and six performances of the theater play "Little", inspired by José Martí at the Artefactus Cultural Project. The staging promotes values such as solidarity, filial love and respect for diversity. In this way, the project meets its objective to promote values, and offer artistic creative workshops, open and free, for the community of Miami.

11 IFE-ILE

Recommended Award: \$5,126

4845 NW 7 Street, #404
Miami, Florida 33126
Ife-Ile Afro Cuban Dance Festival
July 31-August 22, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support the 17th annual Ife-Ile Afro-Cuban Dance Festival. This festival will feature a wide array of cultural dance and drumming workshops ranging from Afro-Cuban to Haitian dance and music, as well as the development and performance of a new dance piece focusing on the journey and cultural legacy of the Marielitos. The festival will take place at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

12 Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,620

14840 Naranja Lakes Boulevard, C2H
Homestead, Florida 33032
XXIV Spanish Literary Contest
July 1-September 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 6, 10*

Funds are requested to support the XXIV Spanish Literary Contest in poetry and short story, open to everyone who enjoys literature in Miami-Dade County. The presentation will feature local poets, as well as visual and performing artists. The literary contest will be judged by a distinguished jury of award winning poets and a book will be printed with awarded works. This event will be held at the New Professions Technical Institute in Little Havana, the West Dade Regional Library and the Peruvian Consulate. Admission is free and open to the public.

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13 Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,126

50 West Mashta Drive, Suite 3
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149
The 56th Annual Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade
July 4, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7*

Funds are requested to support the 55th Annual Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade, a uniquely American tradition. Original floats, high school marching bands, Caribbean musicians, dancers, trail riders, Scottish bagpipers, youth clubs, and more will perform under a new theme for 2015. The parade is a family friendly event held at 100 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne. Admission is free and open to the public.

14 South Florida Composers Alliance, Inc. a/f/a for Inlets Foundation for Experimental Practices

Recommended Award: \$5,126

PO BOX 01-5298
Miami, Florida 33101
Rock, Paper, Scissors
September 12-26, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support "Rock, Paper, Scissors," a project celebrating the heritage of experimental music by publicly presenting historical and contemporary works that focus upon the tradition's use of unusual objects as musical instruments. The project includes three concerts at Audiotheque in ArtCenter South Florida, each with a premiere of a commissioned work, three workshops at Miami Children's Museum and Bass Museum of Art, and an audio/text publication accessible for free online.

15 The Miami Foundation, Inc. a/f/a for MelanchoLalaland Productions

Recommended Award: \$3,000

2246 SW 1 Street
Miami, Florida 33135
MelanchoLalaland™
July 1-September 13, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support MelanchoLalaland, a multimedia opera at Miami Beach Cinematheque. MelanchoLalaland features singers, dancers, animation and video. Music, dance, and multimedia enthusiasts will gather for this innovative work with a talented Miami cast. With its electronic music, interactive videos, and quirky narrative, the opera will appeal to opera lovers and/or people new to opera.

16 The Miami Rail Publishing Corporation

Recommended Award: \$5,126

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174 NW 23 Street
Miami, Florida 33127
Publication of Fall and Winter 2015 Editions of The Miami Rail
July 1-September 30, 2015

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support The Miami Rail's activities from July-September of 2015, including the publication of the fall 2015 of The Miami Rail, a free 64-page quarterly arts and culture journal that covers local visual and performing arts from the perspective of Miami-based and visiting writers, and international cultural issues from the perspective of Miami writers and a Visiting Writer Lecture.

17 The Motivational Edge, Inc.

3323 NW 17 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33142
Student Showcase of the Arts
June 15-August 14, 2015

Recommended Award: \$5,126

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3*

Funds are requested to support an arts specific showcase at The Stage in Midtown for youth enrolled in our arts-based program. The showcase will exhibit talented, under-resourced youth in the areas of lyrical expression, urban arts and dance expression. Being offered to the public and free of charge, this showcase will provide over 15 under-served and foster youth with the opportunity to exhibit their talents and works to an audience of over 300 attendees in a professional and public performance venue. This event is open to the public.

18 Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.

11021 SW 47 Street
Miami, Florida 33165
Rumba Flora
September 16, 2015

Recommended Award: \$5,126

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5*

Funds are requested to support Rumba Flora. Rumba Flora is an artistic creation of Zunzun Arts & Education created to teach young artists the rich variety of sounds and instruments of the Caribbean. An expected audience of 600 children will be treated to a collection of melodies and rhythms performed using steel drums, maracas, guaracha, guitars and more. The performance will take place at the Manuel Arttime Theater.

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