

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 18, 2014

**To:** Members  
Cultural Affairs Council

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**From:** Michael Spring  
Director

**Subject:** FY 2014-2015 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

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The FY 2014-2015 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2014.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of ten (10) grants for the FY 2014-2015 Capital Development Grants Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2014-15 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Alejandro J. Aguirre, met on Friday, June 6, 2014. A total of ten (10) organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$196,481 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all ten (10) 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).

As part of the Capital Development Grants Program's annual review procedures, panelists are assigned site visits to applicant facilities, in addition to being responsible for evaluating each applicant based on the following competitive criteria: 1) Project Proposal; 2) Management and Administrative Capacity of the Applicant Organization; 3) Improved Facility Capabilities; 4) Appropriateness of Grant Request; 5) Merit of Organization's Facility Programming and Marketing Plan.

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 2014-2015 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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<b>Grant No.</b>	<b>Applicant Organization</b>	<b>Average Panel Score</b>	<b>CAP Project Title</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
1	Actors' Playhouse Productions, Inc.	84.00	<i>Miracle Theatre Capital Projects for Actors' Playhouse</i>	Grant funds will be used to refurbish the facility's lobby wood walls; install carpeting in the Balcony Theatre including the removal and installation of existing seats, 2nd floor lobby, and administrative offices; build fourteen metal handrails in the tiered Balcony Theatre for audience safety on the steps; replace old lighting technology with new equipment including LED fixtures and a new lighting board; and replace an outdated Mainstage wireless microphone system.
2	Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.	84.16	<i>Renovations to Arts Ballet Studios</i>	Grant funds will be used to support renovations to the rehearsal/performance studio of Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida. The studio has become a sought after community performance studio for the underserved neighborhood of North Miami Beach, and it is in need of repairs to the sprung floors as well as improvements to the sound and lighting systems.
3	Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.	90.40	<i>Equipment Upgrades for Shared Workshop Spaces and Addition of Metals Foundry at BAC</i>	Grant funds will be used to support equipment upgrades in the five shared workshops at the Bakehouse Art Complex, including printmaking, clay/kiln room, darkroom, woodworking and metal work/forge. Additionally, the project will allow the BAC to add a metals foundry for artists who work in various casting mediums including bronze, stainless steel, and aluminum. This will be the only foundry open to the public in Miami-Dade County, and one of only a handful of foundry facilities in South Florida.
4	Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum	88.14	<i>Frost Art Museum Video Projector Equipment Refresh</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of five (5) - technologically upgraded video projectors, DVD players with synchronizers, and hardware to mount the equipment within the Museum's nine galleries. The new equipment will give featured artists exhibiting at the Museum the ability and flexibility to present their works for exhibition in multi-sensory and multi-disciplinary ways.
5	Florida International University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of The Wolfsonian	89.66	<i>Improving the Visitor Experience through Interactive Technology at The Wolfsonian-FIU</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the expansion of interpretive and programmatic outreach through the acquisition of iPods, iPads, and an assistive listening device system. These funds will broaden the Wolfsonian's ability to reach more visitors on a daily basis through educational gallery interactives and audio guide tours. Further, the funds will allow the Wolfsonian to make its auditorium ADA compliant in order to better serve hearing impaired visitors.

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6	Jorge M. Perez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.	88.60	<i>Assistive Listening Devices for Museum Tours at PAMM</i>	Grant funds will be used to support the purchase of assistive listening equipment for group tours at Pérez Art Museum Miami. The equipment will enable five groups of up to 30 people each, accompanied by a tour guide, to enjoy an improved touring experience with better audio amplification and clarity, including PAMM's visitors who are hearing-impaired. The Museum anticipates that these devices will last for more than five years and will benefit tens of thousands of visitors to PAMM.
7	South Florida Art Center, Inc. dba Art Center/South Florida	87.00	<i>Technical equipment for public programs and print shop at Art Center/South Florida</i>	Grant funds will be used to purchase a mobile multimedia cart for use in public programs, as well as large format and 3D printers for ArtCenter's newly renovated print shop. The new audio-visual equipment will allow ArtCenter to improve the quality of lectures and screenings at their Lincoln Road campus. The addition of large format and 3D printers to the print shop will complete the facility renovation undertaken with funding from Wells Fargo in 2013.
8	The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	87.16	<i>Enhancements to the Alper JCC Robert Russell Theater</i>	Grant funds will be used to support installation of a wheelchair accessible door/entry system to the JCC's Cultural Arts Building Lobby, improve the theater's lighting and sound systems and add a media server for stage special effects. These changes will enhance the audience's experience, aid people with disabilities and elderly patrons, and attract theater renters who want to offer more sophisticated presentations using the new technology and equipment.
9	The Deering Estate Foundation, Inc.	87.50	<i>Deering Estate Theatre Lab and Performance Space Upgrades - Phase 2</i>	Grant funds will be used to support additional infrastructural improvements to the newly renovated Theatre Lab at the Deering Estate at Cutler; specifically, the addition of ADA automatic door openers, further upgrades to stage lighting, acoustics & grid functionality, the addition of live stream video with a monitor in the adjacent Exhibit Room for audience expansion & workshop space; and the creation of a functional and portable exterior "backstage" servicing the stage door on the breezeway deck.
10	Village of Pinecrest for Pinecrest Gardens	88.83	<i>New, Accessible Stage and Control Platform with Access for the Banyan Bowl at Pinecrest Gardens</i>	Grant funds will be used to support renovations at the Banyan Bowl at Pinecrest Gardens to include: 1) Construction and installation of a new, fully ADA accessible stage; and 2) Construction and installation of a new control platform at the back of the house to allow for control of sound, lighting and spot light operation. This platform will be accessible by staff via a steel staircase that leads to the mezzanine level of the theater (area under the seats).