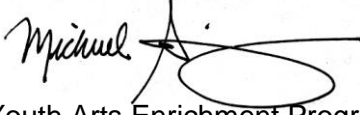


Date: July 17, 2017

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2017-2018 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 24 grants for a total of \$450,000.00 from the FY 2017-2018 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2017-2018 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) Grants Panel, chaired by Councilor Alejandro Aguirre convened on July 13, 2017 to review 35 applications requesting a total of \$632,330.00. The Panel recommended funding 24 applications for a total of \$450,000.00. Eleven (11) 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 two-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 2017-18 grant awarded to the Department by The Children's Trust. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 Grant Award Recommendations**

1 - Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc

Recommended Award: \$16,713

15939 Biscayne Boulevard,
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 30

Arts Ballet Goes to School - In residence

Grant funds will be used to support Arts Ballet Goes to School for 30 students, pre-k through 5th grade, at Van E. Blanton Elementary School for a resident program of 32 weeks. Children will learn the basics of ballet as well as other dance styles. The program includes an introduction to ballet appreciation, theory of dance, ballet vocabulary and Russian classical ballet style.

2 - ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation

Recommended Award: \$30,000

5825 SW 68 Street, Suite 2, Office 202
South Miami, Florida 33143
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 310

Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC)

Grant funds will support Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC), an out-of-school program for 310 children, ages 5-17, from October 9, 2017- May 25, 2018. Locations include: Chapman Partnership for the Homeless in Homestead, Gibson Bethel Community Center and Mt. Olive Baptist Church in South Miami and The Miccosukee Indian School in the Everglades. Students will participate in a variety of activities such as 2D-3D art, crafts, dancing, singing and playing instruments. Youth will engage in dance routines, musical presentations, and the visual arts.

3 - Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$18,000

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,000

Brazilian Voices - Healing Bossa Nova for Kids

Grant funds will be used to bring Brazilian Voices' unique "Healing Bossa Nova for Kids" program to Miami pediatric hospitals, free of charge, for children 0-18 facing life-threatening illnesses. For hope, health and well-being, the children will engage in music, rhythm and song taking place from October 2017- May 2018. Travelling singers from the Arts & Healing Program will sing to approximately 3,000+ children at Alex's Place (in UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Ctr.) and at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

4 - City Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

444 Brickell Avenue, Suite 229
Miami, Florida 33131
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 20,000

City Theatre's Short Cuts Educational School Tour

Grant funds will be used to support City Theatre's Short Cuts Educational School Tour for 20,000 students ages 10 - 18, from January 10, 2018 - May 30, 2018 at various locations including public schools and community center venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include theatre programming. Participants will engage in literature as theatre and benefit from City Theatre's interactive, innovative cultural experiences.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2017-2018 Grant Award Recommendations**

5 - Coral Gables Cinemateque, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$21,719

260 Aragon Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 18

Future in Film Filmmaker Residency at AP Mays Conservatory of the Arts

Grant funds will be used to support the Future in Film program for 18 students, ages 13-18, from October 2017 - April 2018 at AP Mays Conservatory of the Arts in southwest Miami-Dade County (Goulds). Activities will include a long-term filmmaker-in-residence leading students through the process of creating a film, script writing and entry into film festival competitions. Participants will engage in creative writing, film making, design and benefit from career-advancing, hands-on learning.

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

Recommended Award: \$26,824

3010 De Soto Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 110

CAP Miami Jazz Institute: Creative Wave

Grant funds will be used to support CAP Miami Jazz Institute: Creative Wave for 110 students from throughout Miami-Dade County, ages 10-18, October 2, 2017 - May 28, 2018 at Coral Gables Congregational Church. Twice weekly activities will include harmony classes, instrument coaching, and jam sessions for both classical and jazz-oriented students. The result will be a learning and reinforcement of skills within many styles which build well-rounded musicians for today's multi-faceted performance demands.

7 - Florida Grand Opera, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$23,161

8390 NW 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33122
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 50

Cadenza

Grant funds will be used to support FGO's Cadenza program for 50 students ages 12-19 from October 2017 - May 2018 at Citrus Health, COPE Center North, Kristi House, and Silent Victims of Crime. Project activities will include an introduction to opera, vocal/musical elements, production elements, and live opera experiences. Participants will engage in opera and benefit from arts intervention through mentorship and instruction in elements of opera and the performing arts.

8 - Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$17,029

8700 SW 112 Street
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 30

The Friendship Circle Band

Grant funds will be used to support The Friendship Circle Band for 30 students ages 6-18, October 2, 2017 - May 25, 2018 at the Friendship Circle in Kendall. Project activities will include drumming circles, playing simple instruments, singing and musical games. Participants will engage in musical activities and benefit from learning tunes, musical melody, playing simple instruments and following rhythm.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2017-2018 Grant Award Recommendations**

9 - Jorge M. Pérez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$18,561

1103 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, Florida 33132

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 30

Overtown Afterschool at PAMM

Grant funds will be used to support Overtown Afterschool at PAMM for 30 under-served students ages 11-15 participating in Overtown Youth Center, Urgent, Inc. and Touching Miami with Love, from October 2017 - May 2018 at PAMM, on downtown Miami's waterfront. Project activities will include painting, drawing, sculpture using found objects and clay, textiles, and photography. Participants will engage in a variety of projects across artistic media and benefit from improved social skills.

10 - Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$20,000

11760 SW 72 Avenue

Miami, Florida 33156

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200

The 12th Talent Showcase - Dance for All!

Grant funds will be used to support 200 students with disabilities, ages 13-22, from January 8, 2018 to May 22, 2018 at 12 Miami-Dade public schools across Greater Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include 19 weeks of one hour dance training with a final performance on the 20th week. Participants will engage in the physical and mental discipline of dance which will include: improved social, listening and learning skills and the discovery of a new physical and creative self.

11 - Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

6767 Crandon Boulevard

Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,000

A Day where Art Meets Nature

Grant funds will be used to support Art Meets Nature for 1,000 students, ages 4-17, from October 1, 2017 - May 30, 2018 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne for under-served children in our community. Project activities will include a nature walk and nature art project. Participants will engage in painting, collage, sculpture and benefit from seeing, touching and smelling nature; then creating an art project from found objects in nature on their walk.

12 - Miami City Ballet, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$30,000

2200 Liberty Avenue

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 40

Ballet Bus Year 3: A full scholarship, long-term investment in young people, creating a national model for arts experiences benefiting underserved youth.

Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Bus for 40 students ages 7-10, from October 2, 2017 - May 31, 2018 at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities include bus transportation and full tuition scholarships to study classical ballet. Participants will engage in top level dance training for up to ten years and benefit from improved dance technique and increased knowledge and appreciation of the art form through a nurturing, supportive environment.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2017-2018 Grant Award Recommendations**

13 - Miami Light Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

P.O. Box 531385

Miami Shores, Florida 33153

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 600

Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program

Grant funds will be used to support our Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program for 600 students ages 12-18, from October 2, 2017 - May 31, 2018, at The Light Box, and at schools and community organizations located in Miami's Wynwood Arts District and surrounding neighborhoods. Project activities will include workshops, lecture demonstrations, open dress rehearsals and Q&A sessions. Participants will engage in music, theater and dance, and benefit from direct interaction with professional artists.

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

Recommended Award: \$10,000

18900 NE 25 Avenue

North Miami Beach, Florida 33180

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,440

The Alan & Diane Lieberman Children's Cultural Arts Series (CCAS)

Grant funds will be used to support the Children's Cultural Arts Series (CCAS) for a total of 3,440 students, ages 5 -12, from October 2017 - May 2018, at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater in North Miami Beach. Project activities include 4 professional theatre productions with a Q&A; advanced classroom prep using a Study Guide & reading of the book/story (if applicable) on which a show is based. Students will experience the excitement of live (educational/values-based) theatre in a professional theater setting.

15 - Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$18,725

770 NE 125 Street

North Miami, Florida 33161

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 25

MOCA TEEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Grant funds will be used to support after-school enrichment activities for 25 unduplicated students ages 13-18, October 2017 - May 2018, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami. Students will engage in a variety of sustained enrichment projects including advanced classes, field trips, art talks, and three showcase projects: MOCAZINE, an exhibition, and an art movement performance. Students will receive pre-post testing to demonstrate skills learned.

16 - New World Symphony, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$24,826

770 NE 125 Street

North Miami, Florida 33161

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 22

Side-by-Side

Grant funds will be used to support New World Symphony's Side-by-Side Program for 22 Miami-Dade County students, ages 13-17, from January 1 – April 28, 2018, at the New World Center in Miami Beach, Florida. Project activities will include audition preparation, online lessons, rehearsals, and a public concert. Participants will engage in music training with NWS Fellows, and benefit from improved instrumental technique and mentoring.

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17 - South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc

Recommended Award: \$22,929

12600 SW 130 Street, #9-10
RhythmFUN! Program, Florida 33186
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 60

RhythmFUN! Program

Grant funds will be used to support the RhythmFUN! Program for 60 students ages 18 months to 18 years, from October 2017 - May 2018 at the South Florida Center for Percussive Arts in West Kendall. Project activities will include instruction, rehearsal, and performance of music through percussion. Participants will engage in classes grouped by age and benefit from developing music ability and life skills such as communication, comprehension, focus, perseverance, teamwork, and confidence.

18 - The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$25,070

P.O. Box 416525
Miami Beach, Florida 33141
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 80

Dance NOW! 2017/18 Long Term Public School Residency

Grant funds will be used to support a Dance NOW! 10-week Public School Residency for 80 students ages 14-18 at the Dr. Michael M. Krop High School in North Miami. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coachings, performance opportunities and attending a free performance by Dance Now! at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

19 - The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

11155 SW 112 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33176
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,200

Young Architects: Designing the Future

Grant funds will be used to support Young Architects: Designing the Future exhibit for 1,200 children ages 5-8, February 14 - April 29, 2018 at the Alper JCC, Miami. Children will learn about famous architects and their buildings and create structures for hands-on interactive learning. Project activities will include learning the architectural history of many countries and cultures and designing and building structures. Children will benefit by creative self-expression, critical thinking, and academic growth.

20 - The M Ensemble Company, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$19,820

P.O. Box 1175
Miami, Florida 33168
Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 100

Students on Stage

Grant funds will be used to support Students on Stage for 100 students ages 6-14, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 9 - April 26, 2018 at the Sandrell Rivers Theater in Miami/Liberty City. Project activities will include acting techniques, movement and music for the stage. Participants will engage in a theater games and end with a public performance. Students will experience the joy of personal and social development through theater.

**Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP)
FY 2017-2018 Grant Award Recommendations**

21 - The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$ 20,000

980 Macarthur Causeway
Miami, Florida 33132

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 75

Miami Children's Museum Art Residency for Children with Special Needs

Grant funds will be used to support MCM's Arts Residency for Children with Special Needs for 75 students ages 5-12, October 2, 2017 - May 30, 2018 at the Victory School, Crystal Academy and Aktiv Learning Center. Project activities will include dramatic presentations of children's literature, original musical theater performances and hands-on arts activities. Participants will engage in dramatic and musical theater and benefit from learning new ways to express themselves with increased social interactions.

22 - The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$10,000

3550 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 702
Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 5,500

PIANO SLAM 10

Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 10 for 5,500 students ages 11-18, October 2, 2017 - April 1, 2018 at Miami-Dade County public middle and high schools in Miami Gardens, Hialeah, Little Haiti, Homestead, and Brownsville. Project activities will include live performance, professional teacher development in arts integration, language development through music and creative writing. Participants will engage in music and creative writing and benefit from language development as well as increased writing skills.

23 - The Opera Atelier, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$22,018

2364 SW 8 Street
Miami, Florida 33135

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 24

Close Encounters with Music: Creating through Sound

Grant funds will be used to support Close Encounters with Music: Creating through Sound, a sequential instructional program for 24 students ages 7-12 from October 2017 - March 2018 at The Opera Atelier studios in Little Havana. Project activities will include: composition, the study of sound, as well as theory, functional piano and music software. Participants will engage in lessons and ensembles, developing artistry, academic skills, concentration and interpersonal skills through music.

24 - University of Wynwood, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$14,605

500 NE 56 Street
Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 140

The Sunroom: Poetry in Communities

Grant funds will be used to support the Sunroom for 140 students ages 8-10, October-December 2017 and February-April 2018 at Holmes, Orchard Villa, and Poinciana Park Elementary Schools in Liberty City. Project activities will mix poetry with other art forms such as contemporary dance, music, and visual art. Participants will engage in literary arts, performing arts, and visual arts and benefit from a love for writing and reading while also developing creative expression.