

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 18, 2017  
**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council  
**From:** Michael Spring   
**Subject:** FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 25 grants for a total of \$125,000.00 from the FY 2017-2018 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

## **BACKGROUND**

The FY 2017-2018 Community Grants program panel chaired by Gilda Batlle Mooney convened on August 31, 2017 to review 25 applications requesting \$196,400.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 25 applicants for a total of \$125,000.00.

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 2017-18 Community Grants (CG) – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**1 Arts Connection Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

3212 NE 2 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33137  
Miami New Media Festival  
10/05/2017 - 11/04/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 12\*

Funds are requested to support the 10th edition of the Miami New Media Festival (MNMF), a public art project aiming to promote video art, film and performance. The festival will present a series of art activities including screening, video mapping, audio-visual live performance, workshops, exhibitions and lectures. MNMF weaves video art into urban life and interacts with the audience, enabling a new possibility of public art. The festival will take place at Connect Now Room, Artmedia, Vice City Bean, Urbe University and Glasystem Art Lab. This event will be open to the public.

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**2 Community Arts and Culture, Inc. a/f/a for Love The Everglades Movement, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500**

7143 Bonita Drive, #5  
Miami Beach, Florida 33141  
10th Annual Everglades Awareness Concert  
10/01/2017 - 11/18/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support the 10th Annual Everglades Awareness Concert at Gramps in Wynwood. This gathering of local talent will be interspersed with speeches from local civic leaders and environmental activists in order to bring attention to the issues facing the Everglades. This event will be open to the public.

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**3 Community Performing Arts Association, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

15250 SW 108 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33157  
La Griteria Street Festival  
12/09/2017 - 12/09/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12\*

Funds are requested to support "La Griteria," a holiday street festival celebrating folklife traditions from Central and South America, most notably Nicaragua. This one-day event in early December brings together many sectors of the community to celebrate Miami-Dade County's diversity in the streets of downtown City of Sweetwater with live music performances, parades and ethnic food from America. The concert will take place in the southwest area adjacent to Florida International University and is open to the public.

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**4 Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

10854 SW 88 Street, Unit 412  
Miami, Florida 33176  
The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura  
10/02/2017 - 10/07/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 7 & 9\*

Funds are requested to support the fourth edition of "The Reading Festival," a week dedicated to literature, reading and art in the context of the Hispanic Heritage Month. The festival will offer encounters with authors in public schools, storytellers, literary publications, and lectures and workshops for Hispanic children and adults, as well as students learning the Spanish language. Free and events open to the public will take place at The Mexican Cultural Institute, Artefactus Cultural Project, Centro Cultural Español and Koubek Center. Participating schools include Coral Way K-8 Bilingual Center, International Studies Preparatory Academy at Gables, G.W. Carver Middle School, Lorah Park Elementary School, Spanish Cultural Center of Miami, MAST Academy and Miami Jackson High School.

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**5 FL DANCE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

8901 SW 79 Court  
Miami, Florida 33156  
Danny Lewis Miami Dance Sampler  
10/01/2017 - 09/30/2018

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5\*

Funds are requested to support artists participating in two performances of the Daniel Lewis Miami Dance Sampler to be held at New World School of the Arts. The project, featuring a wide spectrum of dance works and genres, aims to advance a culture of dance in Miami-Dade County and to provide Miami-based dance artists with support through audience exposure. This event is open to the public.

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**6 Funcionarte, Corp.**

**Recommended Award: \$1,980**

7250 SW 121 Court  
Miami, Florida 33183  
Out of Catalogue / Fuera de Catálogo  
11/03/2017 - 11/04/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support an art exhibition displaying the work of six artists, gender diversity workshops and the presentation of a poetry book by Nuvia Estévez and a concert by Yusa. The program will take place at Centro Cultural Español de Miami and will focus on gender diversity, tolerance and human rights. This event is open to the public.

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**7 Fundacion Manos del Sur, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,301**

2050 Coral Way, Suite 405  
Miami, Florida 33145  
Indie Pasion Iberoamerican Film Festival  
10/06/2017 - 10/08/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5\*

Funds are requested to support venue rentals at the second annual Indie Pasion Ibero-American Film Festival, a forum for the promotion and exhibition of Ibero-American films. Returning to the Koubek Center, we will be using more of the venue's space, for three days for film as well as classroom to conduct the workshops offered by industry professionals to promote networking among film makers, producers, actors, students and film aficionados. All these events will be open to the public.

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**8 Greater South Dade/South Miami/Kendall Chamber of Commerce d/b/a Chamber South**

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

6410 SW 80 Street  
South Miami, Florida 33143  
46th Annual ChamberSOUTH South Miami Art Festival  
11/04/2017 - 11/05/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support the ChamberSOUTH's production of the 45th Annual South Miami Art Festival on on Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) between US-1 and Red Road (SW 57 Avenue) in the City of South Miami. The grant support from Miami-Dade County helps Chamber South produce a quality, multi-cultural, family-friendly event that is free and open to the public.

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**9 Hispanic American Lyric Theatre, Inc. a/f/a for Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

9130 SW 123 Avenue Court  
Miami, Florida 33186  
RAPTURE - Ballet's Pointe of Passion  
10/01/2017 - 11/30/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8\*

Funds are requested to support Dimensions Dance Theater of Miami's new work titled "RAPTURE, Ballet's Pointe of Passion" at South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. The program includes a work by Jerry Opdenacker, "Light Rain" (a ballet by Gerald Arpino and The Joffrey Ballet) featuring Cameron Basden, a former Joffrey Ballet ballerina and an Argentine Tango-inspired pas de deux by Nilas Martins. The program also includes a performance free of charge for youth and seniors. This event is open to the public.

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**10 Hispanic Heritage Literature Organization Corp.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

1541 Brickell Avenue, C706  
Miami, Florida 33129  
Mi Libro Hispano Series  
10/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7 & 12\*

Funds are requested to support "Mi Libro Hispano Series," events consisting of presentations by Hispanic artists of different genres and professional experiences. The project will take place at New Professions Technical Institute, Altamira Books, Carlos Albizu University and The Mexican Consulate. This event is open to the public.

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**11 IlluminArts, Inc. a/f/a for Magic City Opera**

**Recommended Award: \$3,301**

1925 Washington Avenue, Suite 22  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139  
Family Opera Production of Humperdink's "Hansel and Gretel"  
10/12/2017 - 10/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support the performance of "Hansel and Gretel." The Magic City Opera will perform a 75-minute family-friendly performance of the opera, "Hansel and Gretel," and will showcase it with full set, costumes, and piano accompaniment. Participants will engage in a community event of live music and benefit from classical opera experiences. This event is open to the public.

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**12 Italian Film Festival, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

5151 Collins Avenue, Suite 224  
Miami Beach, Florida 33140  
2017 Cinema Italy (formerly Italian Film Festival)  
10/06/2017 - 10/10/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5\*

Funds are requested to support the 15th Annual Italian Film Festival to be held October 6-10, 2017 at the Regal Cinemas South Beach on Lincoln Road. This year's festival will include 10 of the top Italian films produced in 2016 and 2017 that have not yet been screened for South Florida audiences. The festival will also include a tribute to Italian cinema at Tower Theatre in Miami, a Short Film Competition and various documentary screenings.

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**13 Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation**

**Recommended Award: \$5,000**

4990 NW 31 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33142  
Handel's Messiah  
12/17/2017 - 12/17/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3\*

Funds are requested to support "Bridging Classics of the Past with Classics of the Future," a community concert featuring the 2017 Community Mass Choir and Orchestra. The performance will be directed by Dr. Nelson Hall and will take place at the Church of the Incarnation. The concert is open to the public.

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**14 MERRICK FESTIVAL INCORPORATED**

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

PO Box 143506  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134  
2017 Caroling Competition  
12/29/2017 - 12/05/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6\*

Funds are requested to support the 2017 Caroling Competition, a free, week-long event involving 30 Miami-Dade, K-8, Middle and Senior High School choirs. The Competition, now in its 31st year, presents over 1,500 local students performing at the 550 Biltmore Building in Coral Gables. All performances are free and open to the public. This grant provides bus money for every school that enters the Competition.

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**15 Miami Acting Company, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,301**

16201 SW 95 Avenue, Suite 104  
Miami, Florida 33157  
Annie-Fall Season  
11/09/2017 - 11/12/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support the production of Miami Acting Company's "Annie" at the Banyan Bowl Theater of Pinecrest Gardens. The cast is an ensemble group of veteran actors, as well as beginning actors and performers. There will be four performances open to the general public.

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**16 Miami Dance Futures, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

8901 SW 79 Court  
Miami, Florida 33156  
The Haunted Ballet  
10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support "The Haunted Ballet," a site-specific, open walk-through concept dance event taking place at The Barnacle Historic State Park in Coconut Grove. A group of professional Miami choreographers are carefully selected to choreograph short dances that are the ghost stories of the characters that walk the lands of the Barnacle. All characters are based on true historical events that took place in the area. This event is open to the public.

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**17 Montgomery Botanical Center, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$501**

11901 Old Cutler Road  
Miami, Florida 33156  
December at Montgomery  
10/01/2017 - 12/03/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7\*

Funds are requested to support "December at Montgomery." Programmed tours will focus on the living plant collection and the history of the organization, which was established 85 years ago. Montgomery Botanical Center's weekend tours will allow the greater Miami-Dade community to appreciate the garden on a nice weekend in early winter. This event is open to the public.

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**18 NAME PUBLICATIONS, INC.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

4241 SW 62 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33155  
Fall book launches and album release performances from [NAME] Publications  
10/15/2017 - 12/30/2017

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 9\*

Funds are requested to support events associated with [NAME] book launches and an album release by two Miami-based artists this fall. The first launch will be a ticketed bus and nighttime sky tour to the Everglades National Park on the occasion of releasing the book "A Durable Tale" by 78-year old Miami artist Marilyn Gottlieb-Roberts. The second event will be a free performance by musicians and visual artists Poorgrrl (Tara Long and Andrew Byrd) celebrating the release of their album and zine. These events will be open to the public.

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**19 South FL Friends of Classical Music, Inc.**  
8333 NW 53 Street, Suite 450  
Doral, Florida 33166  
V Miami Music Festival from Around the World  
12/10/2017 - 12/15/2017

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11\*

Funds are requested to support The 5th Miami Music Festival from Around the World to be held at the Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Concert Hall and Miami Lakes Congregational Church. The annual Festival hosts an extensive array of academic, traditional and contemporary music from different cultures performed by acclaimed world-class artists. The Festival includes a combination of free and low-cost ticketed events open to the public.

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**20 The Alexander Foundation Formless Heart Fellowship, Inc.**  
2829 Bird Avenue, Suite 10  
Miami, Florida 33133  
One World Soul of Dance  
10/20/2017 - 10/20/2017

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5\*

Funds are requested to support the annual One World Soul of Dance festival. Professional folkloric dancers of all ages from 17 countries around the world, come together to promote unity, cultural roots and traditional folk dance. This ticketed event will take place at the Scottish Rite Temple and is open to the public.

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**21 THE GERMAN SCHOOL OF SOUTH FL, INC.**  
P.O. Box 431081  
Miami, Florida 33243  
Oktoberfest  
10/07/2017 - 10/07/2017

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10\*

Funds are requested to support the 25th annual GIPA Oktoberfest celebration, which will be held on October 7, 2017 at the German American Social Club. Authentic German cuisine and culture will be on display, including dance and artistic performances from more than 250 children from the 4 member schools. The event is free and open to the public and includes games, rides, a silent auction and a host of traditional tastes that pay tribute to the greatest German heritage celebration.

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**22 The Sunflower Society, Inc.**

19333 Collins Avenue, #1707  
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 33160  
Sunflower After School Art for Life  
10/04/2017 - 06/01/2018

**Recommended Award: \$7,500**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5\*

Funds are requested to support after school art classes at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and the Overtown Youth Center in addition to Veteran's Day Parade, School Expo (Miami-Dade School Board) in the last week of November, and Holiday Bazaar in December at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden, as well as Student Art Exhibits. These events are open to the public.

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**23 The Women's International Film and Arts Festival, Inc.**

Box 460577  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33346  
The 12th Annual Women's International Film & Arts Festival, Inc.  
11/01/2017 - 11/05/2017

**Recommended Award: \$6,601**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5 & 7\*

Funds are requested to support the 12th Annual Women's International Film & Arts Festival's goals to become the nation's most outstanding festival that supports women artists. Funding will support the venues selected to show the outstanding films curated from throughout the world. Screenings and events will take place at the Cineopolis Movie Theaters, AMC Movie Theater and The Sonesta Hotel. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**24 Upbeat Miami, Inc.**

2817 NW 168 Terrace  
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056  
UpBeat Miami Pop-Up Concert Series  
10/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

**Recommended Award: \$3,500**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3 & 5\*

Funds are requested for the UpBeat Miami Pop-Up Concert Series, seven pop-up concerts by young chamber musicians and pianists in non-traditional venues. Venues include Miami Rescue Mission, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Center for Women and Children and Miami Book Fair. This event is open to the public.

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**25 Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.**

11021 SW 47 Street

Miami, Florida 33165

Ki Ki Ri Ki

11/26/2017 - 12/03/2017

**Recommended Award: \$4,951**

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12\*

Funds are requested to support the musical play "KI KI RI KI," a bilingual musical play for children featuring a story of inclusion and self-determination. The program is designed to serve local elementary and middle schools and will be presented at Artefactus Theater and Jorge Mas Canosa Youth Center. This event is open to the public.

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