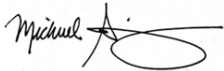


Date: September 15, 2021

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – First Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 20 grants for a total of \$150,000.00 from the FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – First Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the first quarter (October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021), each proposal was evaluated based upon both the quality of the application and the ability to satisfactorily address each of the evaluation criteria, as stated in the program's guidelines. Before releasing grant funds to organizations, the Department will assess the feasibility of the grantees presenting public programs in identified venues and spaces; if necessary, the Department is prepared to exercise appropriate contractual flexibility to include virtual programs and other program delivery strategies, as may be necessary.

The FY 2021-2022 Community Grants program panel, co-chaired by Councilors Sandra Curbelo and Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on August 26, 2021 to review 20 applications requesting \$155,000.00 for the First Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 20 applicants for a total of \$150,000.00.

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 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) – 1st Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- After School Film Institute, Inc
160 NE 121 Street
North Miami, FL 33161
ASFI Future in Films Festival
11/20/2021 - 11/20/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support a public screening of short films and a live audience Q&A at the Dolphin Mall Cinema, celebrating the cinematic works of South Florida student filmmakers between the ages of 13-18.

2- Arts Connection Foundation
5775 NW 84 Avenue
Doral, FL 33166
Miami New Media Festival 2021
10/21/2021 - 11/12/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 12

Funds are requested to support the sixteenth edition of the Miami New Media Festival, a curated exhibition devoted to artworks created with emerging technology platforms. This year's program, taking place at the Doral Contemporary Art Museum (DORCAM) and the Miami Institute of Photography, will feature the topic, "New Media Art and the Pandemic."

3- Community Performing Arts Association Inc.
15250 SW 108 Avenue
Miami, FL 33157
La Griteria Cultural Artistic Festival
12/4/2021 - 12/4/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support "La Griteria," an annual holiday street festival celebrating folklife traditions, music, dance and ethnic foods from Central and South America, most notably Nicaragua, bringing together Miami-Dade County's cultural diversity in downtown City of Sweetwater.

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4- Cuatrogatos Foundation, Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,377

10854 SW 88 Street, #412

Miami, FL 33176

The Reading Festival / Fiesta de la Lectura

10/11/2021 - 10/16/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13

Funds are requested to support the ninth "Reading Festival/ Fiesta de la Lectura," a week dedicated to literature and arts during Hispanic Heritage Month, featuring encounters with authors, storytellers, theater, and workshops for Hispanic children and adults, as well as students learning the Spanish language. This year's events, taking place at Artefactus Cultural Project's Black Box, Imago Art in Action, the Hialeah Public Library, Centro Mater West and Walker Park, MAST Academy and Shenandoah Middle School, will feature the central themes of solidarity and empathy.

5- Florida Dance Education Organization, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,377

8901 SW 79 Court

Miami, FL 33156

Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler

10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the eleventh annual Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler, featuring one online and two live dance performances showcasing the rich array of diversity and talent in the Florida dance community, taking place at the New World School of the Arts Dance Theatre.

6- Florida International Philharmonic

Recommended Award: \$7,377

2630 NW 84 Avenue, #101

Miami, FL 33122

Grand Re-Opening

10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support the grand reopening concert of the Florida International Philharmonic, a symphony orchestra ensemble dedicated to the work of Venezuelan and other Latin American musicians, composers, and conductors, taking place at Florida International University's Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

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7- Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,377
a/f/a Free Plastic, Inc.

240 Crandon Boulevard, # 108
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
Plastic Poetry Too!
10/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 3, 8, 12

Funds are requested to support "Plastic Poetry Too!," an annual showcase of poetry created by Miami-Dade County residents, utilizing the medium of plastic pollution. Activities will include generative writing workshops to source poems, community cleanups to source materials, and creative upcycling workshops to create the very letters used in the public art installations, taking place throughout the community, including the Pelican Harbour Seabird Station, the Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center, Hialeah Gardens Elementary, and Miami Norland Senior High School.

8- Lemon City Cemetery Community Corporation Recommended Award: \$7,377

PO Box 473247
Miami, FL 33247
Handel's Messiah: "Bridging Classics of the Past with Classics of the Future"
12/5/2021 - 12/5/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Handel's Messiah: Bridging Classics of the Past with Classics of the Future," an annual community concert featuring choral ensemble and orchestra, designed to bring people of all ethnic backgrounds and cultures together at the Church of Incarnation for a holiday extravaganza.

9- Merrick Festival Incorporated Recommended Award: \$9,837

PO Box 143506
Coral Gables, FL 33114
2021 Caroling Competition
11/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the thirty-fifth annual Caroling Competition, a holiday musical showcase that focuses attention on music programs in the school system, featuring choir performances from thirty Miami-Dade schools on the steps of the 550 Biltmore Building in Coral Gables.

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10- Miami Beach Arts Trust, Inc.
1775 Washington Avenue, #PH2
Miami Beach, FL 33139
miamiartzine.com
10/1/2021 - 9/30/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support *miamiartzine.com*, a free online publication dedicated to promoting and increasing awareness of the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County for county residents and visitors from the United States and over 179 countries.

11- Miami Center for Architecture & Design, Inc.
310 SE 1 Street
Miami, FL 33131
Time Space Existence: Miami
11/4/2021 - 1/30/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support a new exhibit, "Time Space Existence: Miami," a series of programs taking place at the Miami Center for Architecture and Design, artistically exploring existential and expansive themes in relation to our community, in collaboration with the Florida International University's School of Communications and School of Architecture & Art, as well as the University of Miami School of Architecture and the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

12- Miami Youth Orchestra
2000 NW 89 Place
Doral, FL 33172
Holidays Around the World
10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Holidays Around the World," a musical journey to countries such as Spain, Ireland, Venezuela, Africa, Japan, Russia, and the United States, where audiences will experience how the holidays are celebrated throughout the world, promoting diversity and deepening the bonds between one another, taking place at the Rebeca Sosa Theater in Miami Springs.

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13- MUD Foundation, Inc.

1997 SW 1 Street
Miami, FL 33135
Media Under Dystopia
12/1/2021 - 1/3/2022

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the exhibition "Media Under Dystopia," edition 2.0, featuring artworks created by five visual artists using technology as a creative medium, both in person at the MUD Foundation and online.

14- Prizm Projects, Inc.

19324 NW 56 Place
Miami Gardens, FL 33055
Prizm Art Fair 2021
11/30/2021 - 12/19/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Points of Contact," Prizm Projects' public programs at the annual Prizm Art Fair, taking place at the Historic Hampton House, featuring Prizm Panels, the Prizm Fellows program, and further helping ensure programming remains accessible to Miami-Dade residents.

**15- Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, Inc.
a/f/a Nu Flamenco Collaborative, Inc.**

817 NE 125 Street
North Miami, FL 33161
Introspective - Flamenco Guitar Concert
11/20/2021 - 11/20/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,377

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a new work flamenco guitar performance by maestro Jose Luis de la Paz, presenting an experimental interpretation of a pandemic chronicle of solitude, taking place at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County.

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16- Strength in Numbers/Power in Connection, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,377

1825 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, #327
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Women Authors Across Cultures: Where Are We Going?

10/16/2021 - 11/8/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support a literary panel presentation by renowned women authors, representing a variety of ethnic backgrounds including Latinx, African-American, Haitian-American, and Caucasian American, as well as LGBTQ, who will each give a reading from her work and participate in a panel discussion on the topic, "Where are we going from here?" The event will take place at Books & Books in Coral Gables and be simulcast and available on other streaming platforms.

17- Town of Cutler Bay

Recommended Award: \$7,377

10720 Caribbean Boulevard, #105
Cutler Bay, FL 33189

Cutler BayStock

11/13/2021 - 11/13/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support the inaugural Cutler BayStock concert event, a celebration of the Town of Cutler Bay's "Sweet 16" anniversary, featuring local bands performing in Cutler Ridge Park for Town residents and visitors.

18- Voices of Miami, Inc

Recommended Award: \$7,377

1520 NW 2 Street
Miami, FL 33125

The Holiday Celebration Presenting Handel's Messiah

12/5/2021 - 12/11/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support a concert featuring the Voices of Miami Chorus, local choirs, orchestras and soloists, together performing George F. Handel's oratorio masterpiece, "The Messiah," at the historic Miami Gesu Church, in celebration of the holiday season.

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19- Women Photographers International Archive, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,377

1100 Brickell Bay Drive, #310331

Miami, FL 33231

WOPHA Congress Female in Focus Exhibition

10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "WOPHA Congress Female in Focus Exhibition," a public component of the Women Photographers International Archive (WOPHA) Congress, featuring twenty-two award-winning women and non-binary photographers at Green Space Miami Gallery.

20- Zunzun Arts & Education, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,377

11031 SW 47 Street

Miami, FL 33165

Carols and Chocolate

12/4/2021 - 12/19/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 8, 9, 12

Funds are requested to support the annual "Carols and Chocolate" project, a traveling and interactive performance based on a repertoire of traditional songs and tales, in which musicians, actors, and visual artists provide a cultural and educational performance that incorporates songs from different regions of the world. The events take place at the Artefactus Black Box theater, Tamiami Trail North Park, Centro Mater School, and Redland Christian Migrant Association's (RCMA) Redland, South Dade and Fernando Villa Schools.

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