

Memorandum



Date: June 21, 2023

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2023-24 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 35 grants from the FY 2023-2024 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-2024 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 to review 35 applications requesting a total of \$3,460,000. The Panel recommended funding all 35 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories: Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national, or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues between \$50,000 and \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development, and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

The award recommendations will be computed using the established funding formulas for this program. The program's FY 2023-2024 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all the Spring cycle grants program panels have convened and preliminary FY 2023-2024 budget numbers are received.

Funding for the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) grant program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2023-2024 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

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Grant #1 : After School Film Institute, Inc.

160 NE 121 ST
North Miami, Florida 33161

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support After School Film Institutes' mentoring and filmmaking activities to benefit 20 students ages 13-17, at Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts in Goulds. Program activities include filmmaking workshops, the ASFI Future in Films Festival, and lectures on filmmaking for students. Participants in ASFI's mentoring programs will engage in the various crafts involved in video production and benefit from life skills imparted by ASFI's mentors.

Grant #2 : All Florida Youth Orchestra, Incorporated dba Florida Youth Orchestra

1708 N 40 AVE
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music education and outreach performances for 2,000 students ages 5-18, at community sites and public venues throughout Miami Dade County. Program activities will include orchestral training, violin and percussion instruction for youth living in under-resourced communities, family-friendly community concerts, and outreach performances for seniors. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved musical, behavioral, and social skills.

Grant #3 : Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.

5020 NW 197 ST
Miami Gardens, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Musical Arts Theater & Tutoring (MATT) program for 20 students ages 7-18, at Grace Leadership Preparatory Institute in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include musical sight-reading and various forms of percussion instruction for presentation and performance. Participants will engage in musical percussion instrument development and benefit from mastering the skill of drumming.

Grant #4 : American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.

2150 Coral Way, #3-C
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support American Children's Orchestras for Peace's year-round music education programs for over 800 children ages 5-17, at Bridgeprep School, Grapeland Park, Jose Marti Park, and Shenandoah Park in Little Havana. Children will learn how to play different musical instruments and benefit from participating in after-school and summer music instruction programs.

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Grant #5 : Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba Area Stage Company

5701 Sunset DR, Suite 286
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Area Stage Company’s musical theater conservatory for 1,500 students ages 5-22, at Area Stage Company in South Miami. Program activities include classes in a variety of theatre disciplines and opportunities for students to participate in full-scale productions. Participants will benefit by increasing their skills in the performing arts, their ability to think creatively, and their capacity for empathy.

Grant #6 : Armour Dance Theatre, Inc.

5818 SW 73 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Armour Dance Theatre’s dance programs for 900 students ages 2-22, at community sites located in South Miami, Little Haiti, Miami Gardens, Goulds, and Miami Heights. Program activities will include instruction in ballet, tap, modern, hip-hop, and West African dance. Participants will engage in learning dance, reading, homework assistance, and art classes. Skills learned include discipline, consistency, focus, delayed gratification, and improved reading skills.

Grant #7 : Art Creates Us, Inc. dba ProjectArt

205 East 42 ST
New York, New York 10017

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support ProjectArt Miami for 180 students ages 4-18, at the Miami-Dade Public Library System branches in North, Central, Overtown, Shenandoah, Downtown, Kendall, and Homestead neighborhoods. Program activities will include after-school visual arts classes led by local artists. Participants will engage in visual arts and benefit from 2-D, 3-D, and digital media instruction and culturally informed lesson plans that adhere to National Core Art Standards.

Grant #8 : Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

6812 NW 169 ST
Hialeah, Florida 33015

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Ballet Etudes for 250 students ages 3-22, from at Ballet Etudes Studio, Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts, Triangle Park and other venues in Miami Lakes, Hialeah, Miami Gardens and unincorporated Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, and performances. Participants will engage in dance, visual arts, and theater and benefit from discipline, focus, teamwork, performing, musicality, and physical conditioning.

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Grant #9 : Bilingual School of Business & Performing Arts, Inc.

8933 NW 178 ST
Hialeah, Florida 33018

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support after-school performing arts programs for 296 students ages 3-18, at BBharts in Hialeah. Program activities will include performing arts classes, workshops, master classes, competitions, performances, and community events. Participants will engage in multiple dance styles, acting, musical theater, piano, guitar, and voice and benefit from increased artistic ability and value-driven personal growth.

Grant #10 : Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194 ST
Miami, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Diva Arts' Dance Empowers Youth Program for 175 students ages 5-19, at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include dance training (e.g. ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop, tap) personal development, community outreach, and choreography. Students will master skills in dance technique and performance, improve socially and academically, and increase knowledge in health/nutrition and injury prevention.

Grant #11 : enFAMILIA, Inc.

16090 SW 293 DR
Homestead, Florida 33033

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support enFAMILIA's arts programs for 300 students ages 6-18, at the Everglades Community Center and enFAMILIA centers in Homestead and Florida City. Program activities will include multidisciplinary art classes, exhibits, and performances. Participants will engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts and benefit from learning various art skills and the causes, consequences, and solutions to risky behaviors.

Grant #12 : Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

6103 NW 7 AVE
Miami, Florida 33127

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 50,000 children ages 0-17, at the Sandrell Rivers Theater, and at Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals, and community centers countywide. Program activities will include educational theater shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theater arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

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Grant #13 : Florida Film Institute, Inc.

1801 NE 123 ST, #314
North Miami, Florida 33181

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Florida Film Institute’s CINEMA program for 125 students ages 13-18, at Hialeah Gardens, Miami, South Miami, and Coral Gables locations. Program activities will include instruction in filmmaking and media arts. Participants will engage in all aspects of filmmaking and benefit from producing, directing, script writing, acting, editing, and operating sound, camera, and lighting equipment.

Grant #14 : Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.

P.O. BOX 650027
Miami, Florida 33265

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Music FUNdamentals for 1,000 students, ages birth-18, at Arcola Lake, Bent Tree, Joe Hall, Pine Villa and Tropical Elementary schools, as well as Future Leaders of Tomorrow Academy in Florida City, KinderKids 1, 2, and 3, Promised Land Academy in Homestead, and Rainbow Christian Academy in Goulds. Project activities will include singing, playing instruments, and movement. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from age-appropriate activities stimulating learning and enjoyment while enhancing brain development.

Grant #15 : Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset DR
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support 2023-2024 program activities for over 500 students ages 5-18, at various locations in Kendall, South Miami, Coral Gables, Homestead, and Florida City. Program activities will include individual and group instruction on instruments, general music, performances, and special community projects. Participants will engage in music and benefit from skills learned in musicianship, teamwork, perseverance, and self-esteem.

Grant #16 : Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.

169 East Flagler ST, #1134
Miami, Florida 33131

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Guitars Over Guns programs for 600 students ages 9-18, at middle and high schools in North Miami, Miami Gardens, Allapattah, Liberty City, Homestead, Little Havana, Cutler Bay, Richmond Heights, Redland, and select community-based sites. Activities include instruction, performance, recording, and music video production. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship, performance, and exchange opportunities.

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Grant #17 : Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 TERR
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Award: *Grant Amount
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YAM funding formula*

Grant Funds will be used to support Kinad's year-round Mobile Museum cultural arts program for 3,300 children and youth ages 6–16 from communities across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective and cultural traditions, and address obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and heart attack or heart disease due to poor diets.

Grant #18 : Mexican American Council, Inc.

9 Palm Plaza
Homestead, Florida 33030

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the Homestead-Miami Mariachi Conservatory for 60 students ages 5-18, at the Mexican American Council Redland Parent Resource Center in Homestead. Program activities will include after-school music instruction including music theory, music ensemble, and music history. Participants will engage in Mariachi music and benefit from learning to master a percussion, brass, or string instrument, as well as vocal lessons in a positive social-emotional learning environment.

Grant #19 : Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

7604 SW 188 TERR
Cutler Bay, Florida 33157

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Children's Chorus' core performance program for 130 students ages 5-22, at various locations in Coral Gables, City of Doral, City of Miami Beach, and City of Miami, and for its community program that reaches 300 students throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, concerts, and free workshops at partnering locations. Participants will explore traditional and contemporary choral music and benefit from developing musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, and artistry.

Grant #20 : Miami Dance Project, Inc.

8619 S. Dixie HWY
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support general programs activities for 450 students ages 5-18, at the Miami Dance Project main office in Pinecrest and four outreach sites located in Kendall and Homestead. Program activities will include ballet, modern dance, jazz, hip-hop, and yoga. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history, literacy skills, and social and emotional development.

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Grant #21 : Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Momentum's educational children's programming for 1,700 students ages 3-17, at four public school sites located throughout Miami-Dade County, including one for students with disabilities. Participants will benefit from physical, cognitive, and interpersonal skills learned in dance classes and performances. In addition, a performance series including "Alice in Wonderland" and "This Is How I Dance" will tour the Miami-Dade County Public Library System.

Grant #22 : Miami Music Festival, Inc.

1440 Ocean DR
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Festival's programs for 300 students ages 14 and over at Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach. Program activities will include over 30 performances, masterclasses, private lessons, fully staged productions, and pop-up public concerts. Participants will engage in quality vocal instruction and benefit in their overall artistic level, foreign languages, future career development, and performance experience in a professional environment.

Grant #23 : Miami Music Project, Inc.

2000 S. Dixie HWY, Suite 100B
Miami, Florida 33133

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Project program activities for 750 students ages 6-18, at Miami-Dade County public schools located in Liberty City, Little Havana, Little Haiti, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, and Miami Springs. Program activities will include small and large ensembles, performances, and enrichment activities. Participants will engage in Social Emotional Learning-based music classes and benefit from collaborative, goal setting, presentation, and project-based skills.

Grant #24 : Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater, Inc.

11155 SW 112 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support FY 2023-2024 program activities for 800 students ages 5-18, at the Alper JCC in Kendall. Program activities will include training in artistic and technical disciplines in musical theater. Participants will engage in singing, dancing, acting, and technical theater lessons and benefit from learning the responsibility of "owning" their own show.

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Grant #25 : Miami Theater Center, Inc.

9806 NE 2 AVE
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Theater Center's 2023-2024 season programming for students ages 5-18, at Miami Theater Center in Miami Shores. Program activities will include the presentation of a diverse range of artists across multiple disciplines, including music, theater, dance, and visual arts, as well as continued collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Cultural Passport Program to provide virtual content to their students.

Grant #26 : Miami Youth Ballet, Inc.

9210 SW 158 LANE
Miami, Florida 33157

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Youth Ballet's season for 150 students ages 8-18 from the areas of Cutler Bay, Homestead, Goulds, West Kendall, and Palmetto Bay. Programs include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Past Present and Future and Dance Creative workshops and free masterclasses, at The Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Participants receive expert coaching, training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and guidance towards professionalism in dance.

Grant #27 : Musicall, Inc.

6701 SW 80 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music classes, theory/piano labs, orchestras, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 900 students ages 2-19, at locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music programs, concerts, and workshops and benefit by refining their music knowledge and instrumental skills, deriving evidence-based improvements both socially and academically.

Grant #28 : National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.

2100 Biscayne BLVD
Miami, Florida 33137

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support YoungArts' 2023-2024 programs for 4,500 young artists ages 15-18, at the YoungArts Campus and other local Miami venues. Program activities will include classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions, and general outreach programs. Participants will engage in programs across 10 artistic disciplines and will benefit from creative and professional development from renowned artists.

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Grant #29 : PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.
10917 NW 12 CT
Miami, Florida 33167

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support PATH to Hip Hop for 600 students ages 13-22, at Miami-Dade County public libraries, the Juvenile Justice Center, Miami Bridge, TruPrep Academy, and the Museum of Graffiti in Downtown, Homestead, Allapattah, Pinewood, Wynwood, and Miami Gardens. Program activities include workshops, performances, and arts literacy. Participants will engage in visual, performing, and digital arts and benefit from creative, personal, and professional development.

Grant #30 : South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.
12770 SW 125 AVE, #101
Miami, Florida 33186

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Center for Percussive Arts' youth programs for children ages 1-18, at the South Florida Center for Percussive Arts in West Kendall. Program activities will include music instruction, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. Participants will engage in learning, playing, and enjoying music through the use of the percussion family and benefit from the consistency, concentration, and teamwork required to make, perform, and experience music together.

Grant #31 : South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.
12645 SW 114 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the South Florida Youth Symphony for 125 students ages 3-23, at the Pawley Creative Arts Center of Miami Dade College North Campus in north Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes and rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, and community concerts throughout the year. Participants will engage in working with coaches, in one-on-one lessons, group ensembles, and public performances, and benefit from music and life skills development.

Grant #32 : The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.
14401 Old Cutler RD
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support choral music education for 300 students ages 5-18, at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay, Branches in Florida City and South Miami, and Southridge High School in south Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include 39 weeks of choral instruction, 4 major concerts, and participation in community events throughout Miami and beyond. Participants will engage in choral performances and benefit from increased musicianship skills and personal growth.

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Grant #33 : The Motivational Edge, Inc.

2103 Coral Way, FL-2
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support The Motivational Edge for 3,000 students ages 6-23, at The Edge's Miami Heat Learn and Play Center in Allapattah, as well as other locations in Miami Dade County. Program activities will include instruction in visual arts, dance, music, and performing arts. Participants will engage in a multitude of visual and performing arts disciplines and benefit from increased arts aptitude, life skills, and other transferable skills.

Grant #34 : The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

7900 SW 34 ST
Miami, Florida 33155

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support ROXY performing arts for 120 students ages 3-23, at the Westchester Cultural Arts Center, ROXY Westchester studio, and a new West Kendall studio. Program activities will include musicals, showcases, a summer recital, and student cabarets. Participants will engage in ballet, tap, contemporary, hip-hop, acrobatics, acting, musical theatre, improvisation, and singing, and benefit from improved self-discipline and social skills.

Grant #35 : Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

1260 NW 29 ST, Suite 103
Miami, Florida 33142

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Young Musicians Unite's programs for 4,000 students ages 9-18, at the Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Carol City Middle School, Booker T. Washington High School, Fienberg Fisher K-8, and 36 more locations in Wynwood, Carol City, Opa-Locka, West Little River, Miami Beach, and other neighborhoods throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include in-school and after-school music education, performances, and vocational arts activities. Participants will engage in youth development through music education and benefit from the positive effects of learning an instrument.
