

**MINUTES OF THE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
ANNUAL PLANNING AND BUDGET RETREAT**

March 17, 2021

A meeting of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council was held at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and online via Zoom.

<p><u>Members Present</u> Alejandro Aguirre Mitchell Bierman Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez, Second Vice Chair Sandra Curbelo Denise Gerson Adolfo Henriques Jorge Plasencia Janá Sigars-Malina, First Vice Chair Rosa Sugrañes Monty Trainer</p>	<p><u>Members Not Present</u> Brian May, Chairman Cheryl Rees Justin Trieger</p> <p><u>Others Present:</u> Laura Bruney John Copeland Sheila Womble</p>
<p><u>Staff</u> Michael Spring, Director Marialaura Leslie, Deputy Director Carolina Alfonso Kelly Allocco Francine Andersen Roxana Barba Stefania Barigelli Nikenna Benjamin Sue Camp Tania Centeno Kimberly Chuck Lisa D'Andrea Thompson Marshall Davis Marie Denis Ivette Dominguez Eric Fliss Olga Gonzalez Teddy Harrell</p>	<p><u>Staff (continued)</u> Liliana Hernandez-Constenla Regla Lee Amanda Sanfilippo Long Gilda Mooney Steven Padilla Alex Peraza Adriana Perez Dana Pezoldt Katherine Revell Javier Siut Christina Tassy-Beauvoir Pamela Valles Graham Winick</p>

Mr. Henriques chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Mr. Henriques welcomed new Councilor Jorge Plasencia.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

FY 2021-2022 Grants Program Guidelines

Mr. Spring reported there are no substantive changes to the guidelines for the Capital Development (CAP), Cultural Advancement (ADV), Cultural Development (CDG), Dance Miami Choreographers' (DMC), Developing Arts and in Neighborhoods, Festivals and Special Events (FEST), Hannibal Cox, Jr. (HCJ), International Cultural Partnerships (ICP), Major Cultural Institutions (MCI), Youth Arts Enrichment (YEP), and Youth Arts Miami (YAM) grants programs. The guidelines provide the Department of Cultural Affairs the flexibility to authorize that programs presented by cultural organizations can occur in a virtual format and provide extensions as needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Aguirre)

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Requests for Excused Absences for March 17, 2021

A request for an excused absence was submitted by Brian May, Cheryl Rees and Justin Trieger. (Motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded Ms. Sigars-Malina)

Approval of December 9, 2020 Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2020 Council meeting were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez; seconded by Mr. Bierman)

FY 2020-2021 Community Grants (CG) Grants Third Quarter Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Sigars-Malina, met on February 11, 2021. A total of 19 organizations submitted applications to the program, requesting a total of \$159,250 in support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all 19 applications for \$129,375. 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.

Ms. Sigars-Malina made a motion to fund all the of the panel's recommendations. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Plasencia; seconded by Mr. Aguirre)

Art Creates Us, Inc.	\$7,500
Center for Social Change, Inc. a/f/a Impact.Edition	\$3,375
Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.	\$12,000
Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.	\$6,500
Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.	\$7,500
Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc. a/f/a International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 45, Inc.	\$2,500
Hued Songs, Inc.	\$7,500
Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc.	\$15,000
Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc	\$6,500

Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Godoy Pradera Projects	\$2,500
MUCE Educates Corp.	\$7,000
North Bay Village	\$3,750
NWD Projects, Inc.	\$7,500
Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, Inc.	\$7,500
SBC Community Development Corp of Richmond Heights, Inc. afa ASK Colestars	\$7,500
Shakespeare Troupe, Inc.	\$3,750
South Florida Educational Development Center, Inc.	\$7,500
South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc. a/f/a The Last Hundred	\$6,500
The Fountainhead Residency, Inc.	\$7,500

FY 2020-2021 Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids (SAS-C) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

Mr. Spring reported that the FY 2020-2021 Summer Arts and Science Camps for Kids Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Monty Trainer, convened on February 25, 2021 to review 48 applications requesting \$1,734,390 in cultural funding. The Panel recommended funding all 48 applications for a total of \$825,000. The program is designed to help provide underserved children with opportunities to attend high quality cultural arts or science summer camp programs at little or no cost.

The following Council members declared conflicts of interest and abstained from voting on the following:

Mitchell Bierman - Florida International University Board of Trustees

Adolfo Henriques – Florida International University Board of Trustees; The Miami Children’s Museum

Cheryl Rees – Florida International University Board of Trustees

Denise Gerson – University of Miami

A motion was made to fund all the of the panel’s recommendations subject to Councilors with conflicts abstaining from voting on the applications affected. Councilors with the above-mentioned conflicts of interest abstained from the voting. They were approved unanimously. (Motion by Ms. Sagrañes; seconded by Ms. Curbelo)

Adrienne Arsht Center Trust, Inc. d/b/a Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami- Dade County	\$30,294
Andrew Toffoli Arts Foundation	\$10,000
Area Performance Gallery, Inc. d/b/a Area Stage Company	\$19,720
Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.	\$19,720
ArtsSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation	\$19,720
Breakthrough Miami Inc.	\$16,003
Dibia DREAM, Inc.	\$19,720
Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.	\$19,720
Due to Arts Inc. d/b/a Taller en Accion	\$10,000
El Ingenio Inc.	\$9,860
enFAMILIA, Inc.	\$10,000
Evolutionary Arts Life Foundation Inc.	\$10,000

Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.	\$19,720
Florida Film Institute, Inc.	\$12,916
Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	\$19,720
Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County FL, Inc.	\$14,790
Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.	\$19,720
Haute' Education, Inc.	\$4,687
IFCM Corp.	\$5,500
Les Ailes Du Desir Foundation, Inc.	\$10,000
Locust Projects, Inc.	\$9,860
Mahogany Youth Corporation	\$19,720
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.	\$30,294
Miami City Ballet, Inc.	\$19,720
Miami Dance Project, Inc.	\$19,720
Miami Music Project, Inc.	\$30,294
Miami New Drama, Inc.	\$6,254
Miami Stage Company/ Miami Children's Theater Inc.	\$19,720
Miami Theater Center, Inc.	\$19,720
Miami-Dade County (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department)	\$19,720
Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.	\$30,294
Musical, Inc.	\$19,720
Opa-locka Community Development Corporation	\$19,720
PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.	\$19,720
SBC Community Development Corporation of Richmond Heights, Inc.	\$19,720
Seminole Cultural Arts Theater, Inc., d/b/a Friends of the Historic Seminole Theatre	\$12,572
South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.	
South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.	\$7,500
South Temple Empowerment Project, Inc.	\$9,500
The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.	\$19,720
The Dave and Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$19,720
The Opera Atelier, Inc.	\$19,720
The Thomas Armour Youth Ballet, Inc.	\$30,294
Trayvon Martin Foundation	\$19,720
URGENT, Inc.	\$19,720

The Panel's recommendations to fund the following organizations, for which there are the above-mentioned conflicts of interest and abstentions from voting, were voted on and passed unanimously as follows:

Florida International University Board of Trustees	\$1,875
The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	\$19,227
University of Miami	\$19,710

(Motion by Mr. Trainer; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

Council Motion Regarding the FY 2021-2022 Budget

The Council resolved to recommend that FY 2021-2022 funding for the Department's grants programs and cultural services remain at least at the FY 2020-2021 levels of support in light of the devastating financial impact of the pandemic on the nonprofit cultural organizations and individual artists. A motion was made to recommend a minimum of status quo levels of grants funding for FY 2021-2022. (Motion by Mr. Aguirre; seconded by Ms. Chancy-Gonzalez)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Leslie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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