

Memorandum



Date: July 20, 2022

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director

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Subject: FY 2022-2023 Capital Development (CAP) Grants Program Panel Recommendations

The FY 2022-2023 award recommendations for the Capital Development Grants Program will be computed by applying an iteration formula. The program's FY 2022-2023 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. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2022-2023 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of six (6) grants for the FY 2022-2023 Capital Development Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2022-23 Capital Development Grants Program Panel, chaired by Council member Alejandro Aguirre, met on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. A total of six (6) organizations submitted applications to the program requesting a total of \$88,431 in cultural facility improvement support funds. The panel reviewed and recommended funding all six (6) applications.

The primary objective of the Capital Development Grants Program is to provide funding support to non-profit cultural organizations for capital improvement projects that are designed to expand, renovate, construct and/or equip cultural facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Facilities improvements projects are evaluated on their capacities to improve the artistic capabilities of and/or the audience's ability to experience programs in applicant facilities, among other criteria. Priority consideration is given to facilities that submit applications for projects to implement improvements regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Funding for the Capital Development Grants Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2022-2023 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor and are subject to availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
FY 2022-2023 CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grant No.	Applicant Organization	Project Description
1	Edge Zones, Inc.	Funds are requested to support capital improvements on Edge Zones' community-centered arts center in Allapattah. This 1,950 square foot space supports exhibitions, festivals, residencies, screenings, and workshops by visual artists. Improvements include: renovating exhibition walls; purchasing and installing a new 5 ton HVAC system; repairing, polishing and painting the concrete floor; and replacing three windows with impact glass.
2	Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.	Funds are requested to support accessibility enhancements to The Bass Creativity Center. Enhancements include installing: 1) four outswing operators on the Park Avenue entrance/exit; 2) two outswing operators on the restroom doors; and 3) six exterior bilingual wayfinding signs directing to accessible entrances. All enhancements will improve the museum's programming and event rental ability, and allow for independent, non-assisted, inclusive access to this part of the museum.
3	IFCM Corp.	Funds are requested to upgrade FilmGate Miami's new theater space with a high-quality retractable screen, microphones and soundproofing equipment; and to complete construction of the Interactive Gallery including finishing the interior with specialized chairs for VR experiences, touch screens, lighting and black out blinds.
4	Miami Theater Center, Inc.	Funds are requested to support the replacement of one 30-ton HVAC unit for the main stage area of Miami Theater Center. This is essential to help maintain good indoor air quality through adequate ventilation with filtration and provide thermal comfort for the Center's staff, artists and audiences.
5	Museum of Contemporary Art, Inc.	Funds are requested to support MOCA's long-term strategic goal to improve accessibility to the museum for persons with disabilities. Plans are in place to update and replace the entrance doors to the MOCA Pavilion with push-button entryways to increase ease of passage as well as install an induction loop and audio equipment to improve the programmatic experience for people of all abilities.
6	The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.	Funds are requested to support enhancements to the museum's physical security capabilities through the purchase and installation of security cameras placed in the exterior areas of the museum campus to assist in the surveillance of the property in areas less visible from the security station/checkpoint. The scope of the work includes power, cabling, conduit, installation, communication cabling, devices, and testing.