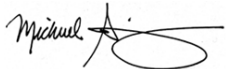


Date: March 17, 2021

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 19 grants for a total of \$129,375.00 from the FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the third quarter (April 1, 2021 – June 30, 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 2020-2021 Community Grants program panel, co-chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina and Councilor Sandra Curbelo, convened on February 11, 2021 to review 19 applications requesting \$159,250.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 19 applicants for a total of \$129,375.00.

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 2020-2021 Community Grants (CG) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Art Creates Us, Inc.

3000 NE 151 Street
Miami, FL 33181

ProjectArt Resident and Student Exhibitions

4/1/2021 - 6/30/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 5

Funds are requested to support ProjectArt's Resident Exhibition, showcasing the artwork of program resident artists based in Miami and New Orleans created during the spring term of their residency as well as a Student Exhibition, showcasing the residents' curation of their students' work created during the same term.

2- Center for Social Change, Inc. a/f/a Impact.Edition

2103 Coral Way, Floor 2
Miami, FL 33145

I See the Change

4/22/2021 - 5/22/2021

Recommended Award: \$3,375

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 6, 9

Funds are requested to support Impact.Edition's first public media exhibition, designed to present 15 curated local photography artworks throughout the community utilizing public bus shelters, with the work reflecting and responding to themes of climate change and social justice.

3- Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Inc.

4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33137

Miami Jewish Film Festival

4/15/2021 - 4/29/2021

Recommended Award: \$12,000

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4

Funds are requested to support the 24th annual "Miami Jewish Film Festival," creating opportunities for filmmakers, educators, and media industry professionals to connect and interact with Miami audiences through over 70 film screenings, panel discussions, and other special events.

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4- Compositum Musicae Novae, Inc.
10905 SW 113 Place, Unit A
Miami, FL 33176
Compositum Musicae Novae Season VIII
4/9/2021 - 5/28/2021

Recommended Award: \$6,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the "Compositum Musicae Novae Season VIII" concert series, featuring five free musical and visual arts events at the Coral Gables Museum.

5- Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc.
3100 NW 72 Avenue, #127
Miami, FL 33122
ArtTalks Theatre Lab
4/1/2021 - 5/29/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support "ArtTalks Theater Lab," a series of workshops and presentations that empower emerging Hispanic actors to create their own stories by providing them with the tools to create and self-manage their own projects and help develop their acting careers.

**6- Friends of the Japanese Garden, Inc.
a/f/a International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 45, Inc.**
10830 SW 84 Street, #E-1
Miami, FL 33173
The Art of Magic: Celebrating 75 Years of Sharing the Art of Magic
6/12/2021 - 6/27/2021

Recommended Award: \$2,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 75th anniversary of the local organization, by celebrating "The Art of Magic," providing exhibitions and educational lectures on the history and artistic importance of magic, including a free performance for area underprivileged children.

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7- Hued Songs, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

509 NE 38 Street
Miami, FL 33137

Juneteenth at the North Beach Bandshell

6/19/2021 - 6/19/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "Juneteenth at the North Beach Bandshell," a celebration of black joy, black arts, and black community that will conclude with a multidisciplinary performance of song, dance, spoken word, and film, along with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) owned and operated artisans and vendors.

8- Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$15,000

1210 Washington Avenue, #210
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Miami Beach Pride 2021

4/30/2021 - 5/2/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the 13th edition of Miami Beach Pride's Festival weekend, providing an opportunity for free, low-and-moderate income populations to celebrate the unique spirit and artistic culture of the LGBTQ+ community.

9- Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc

Recommended Award: \$6,500

255 Alhambra Circle, Unit PH
Coral Gables, FL 33176

Mainly Mozart Festival 28

5/22/2021 - 6/26/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 7

Funds requested are to support the 28th edition of the "Mainly Mozart Festival," featuring six adult programs and one children's concert, featuring performances by world-renowned visiting and local performers.

10- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Godoy Pradera Projects

Recommended Award: \$2,500

PO Box 531385
Miami Shores, FL 33153

MuseMe

4/1/2021 - 6/13/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "MuseMe," a musical and cabaret style project, combining theater, dance, live musicians, contortionist and surprising circus acts.

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11- MUCE Educates Corp.

Recommended Award: \$7,000

246 NW 54 Street
Miami, FL 33127
Uptown Avenue 7 Arts, Business & Culture Expo
4/10/2021 - 4/10/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds requested are to support the free 4th annual "Uptown Avenue 7 Arts, Business & Culture Expo," a dynamic day of visual art, entertainment, vendors, business workshops and cuisine along the 7th Avenue Corridor, creating an intersection of culture and commerce.

12- North Bay Village

Recommended Award: \$3,750

1666 Kennedy Causeway, #105
North Bay Village, FL 33141
North Bay Village Music in the Parks
4/1/2021 - 6/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support North Bay Village's "Music in the Parks" cultural series, featuring free monthly live music events designed to welcome residents and visitors to explore the Village's parks and amenities.

13- NWD Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

6820 SW 65 Avenue
Miami, FL 33143
Endangered Ecological Timescapes
4/1/2021 - 5/30/2020

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 7

Funds are requested to support "Endangered Ecological Timescapes," a dance performance exploring the endangered environment through the gaze of different generations and cultural backgrounds. The performance will include multi-generational dancers along with women from communities across Miami-Dade County, whose stories will be highlighted within the live performance, performed at environmentally endangered Miami sites.

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14- Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500

490 Opa-locka Boulevard, #20

Opa-locka, FL 33054

Juneteenth on Ali Baba Avenue Festival

6/19/2021 - 6/19/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support the inaugural "Juneteenth on Ali Baba Avenue Festival," a celebration of resilience, transformation and joy in the African American community, featuring a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, songs, poems, dance, theatre, and a performance series inspired by the sculptures "All Power to All People" by Hank Willis Thomas and "Plinth" by George Sanchez Calderon.

15- SBC Community Development Corp of Richmond Heights, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500
a/f/a ASK Colestars

11111 Pinkston Drive

Miami, FL 33176

Artwalk Homestead Presents Art in the Park

5/29/2021 - 5/29/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support "Artwalk Homestead Presents Art in the Park," a free family community arts event in Homestead that brings together underserved communities through various art mediums to expose the community to the rich diversity of art, art programs, and other community and human resources available to residences.

16- Shakespeare Troupe, Inc. Recommended Award: \$3,750

2010 Newcastle A

Boca Raton, FL 33434

Outdoor Shakespeare

4/22/2021 - 5/10/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support a free outdoor public performance of a Shakespeare comedy, featuring a versatile cast of professionally trained actors. Funds are requested to support a free outdoor public performance of a Shakespeare comedy, featuring a versatile cast of professionally trained actors. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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17- South Florida Educational Development Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2860 Somerset Drive, #103

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311

The Contributions of Honorable Carrie Meek to South Florida

6/19/2021 - 6/19/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are being requested to support a newly created play performed by local acting troupes that reenacts the Honorable Carrie Meek's rise to the United States Congress and features her landmark initiatives that contributed to residents of South Florida. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

**18- South Florida Friends of Classical Music, Inc.
a/f/a The Last Hundred**

Recommended Award: \$6,500

6625 Miami Lakes Drive East, #240

Miami Lakes, FL 33014

The Last Hundred Ensemble's Inaugural Concert

6/1/2021 - 6/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support The Last Hundred Ensemble's inaugural concert, featuring a program of art music written in the last one hundred years, selected by artistic director and conductor Juan Trigos, including works by Stravinsky, Berio, as well as living American composers Zohn-Muldoon, Miami-based Bonacossa and von Wrangell.

19- The Fountainhead Residency, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

5600 North Bayshore Drive

Miami, FL 33137

Artists Open 2021

5/8/2021 - 5/8/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12

Funds requested are to support the third annual "Artists Open," providing artists from across the county to open their private studios to the public all on the same day.

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