

Date: May 19, 2021

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 20 grants for a total of \$139,000.00 from the FY 2020-2021 Community Grants Program – Fourth Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the fourth quarter (July 1, 2021 – September 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 2020-2021 Community Grants program panel, co-chaired by Councilors Sandra Curbelo and Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on April 28, 2021 to review 20 applications requesting \$147,500.00 for the Fourth Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 20 applicants for a total of \$139,000.00.

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.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
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Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company

Recommended Award: \$6,000

8849 SW 132 Street
Miami, FL 33176

Summer Ballet Intensive and Community Performances
7/1/2021 - 7/29/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support three one-week classical ballet intensive workshops for intermediate and advanced dancers at the Angel Fraser-Logan Dance Company Studios, culminating with an in-studio showcase at the end of each week and a final community performance at the Outdoor Summer Stage at The Falls Shopping Center.

2- Art For Us, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

10 SW South River Drive, #1904
Miami, FL 33130

With Certain Women / Con Ciertas Mujeres
9/18/2021 - 9/25/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the seventh season of "With Certain Women/Con Ciertas Mujeres," a series of two concerts dedicated to classical and traditional Spanish music and dance and female poetry, taking place at the Artefactus Black Box.

**3- Center for Social Change, Inc.
a/f/a Christensen Medina**

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2103 Coral Way, # 200
Miami, FL 33145

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow
9/3/2021 - 10/1/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 13

Funds are requested to support "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow," an exhibit focusing on Hialeah-based artists and exploring the message of eco-activism through the arts through pop-up installations at the Miami Dade College - Hialeah Campus' Cultural Center, John F. Kennedy Library, and the Leah Arts District.

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4- Conecta: Miami Arts, Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500
a/f/a Arsenio Diaz Cardelle

3100 NW 72 Avenue, #127
Miami, FL 33122

Point of Convergence - A Musical and Dance Voyage
7/31/2021 - 7/31/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Point of Convergence - A Musical and Dance Voyage," a multicultural music and dance showcase featuring the convergence of Afro-Cuban and South Asian Indian cultures, two seemingly different cultural traditions with much in common, taking place at Miami Dade College's Koubek Center.

5- Culture and Community Association Inc. Recommended Award: \$7,500

1518 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World
7/10/2021 - 9/25/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7

Funds are requested to support the eleventh annual "Musical and Cultural Souvenirs of the World," a series of three music and dance performances, showcasing classical and international styles, along with the Lope de Vega play "La Dama Boba," taking place at the West Miami Community Center and Saint Bede Chapel at the University of Miami.

6- Due To Arts Inc. Recommended Award: \$5,000

8181 NW 36 Street, #1901
Doral, FL 33166

Due to Arts Annual Festival
9/5/2021 - 9/5/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support an annual talent festival at Florida International University's Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, where students in dance and vocal and instrumental music will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents and have their skills evaluated by qualified industry professionals and educators, encouraging and inspiring excellence and improvement.

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7- Fire Haus Projects Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

8000 SW 26 Street
Miami, FL 33155

Snapshots from the Cuban Diaspora - An Odyssey in Images
7/9/2021 - 9/30/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 10

Funds are requested to support "Snapshots from the Cuban Diaspora - An Odyssey in Images," a series of lectures, exhibitions and online offerings designed to honor the generation of refugees fleeing Cuba at the onset of the Castro revolution, as well as the families that came after, taking place at the Art Emporium in Little Havana, Casa Artali in Northeast Miami, and at Fire Haus Projects in Westchester.

8- Fresh Start of Miami-Dade, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

18441 NW 2 Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

Recovery in the Arts
7/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

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

Funds are requested to support the annual "Recovery In the Arts" project, which helps individuals with behavioral health challenges participate in the creative arts through photography and painting workshops at Fresh Start of Miami-Dade in Miami Gardens, culminating in a showcase of work during Recovery Month at the Rohde Building in downtown Miami.

9- HAVFAMA, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

120 NW 86 Court
Miami, FL 33126

*XIX Latin American Monologue Festival /
XIX Festival Latinoamericano del Monólogo*
9/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the "XIX Latin American Monologue Festival," featuring more than twenty theater plays, play readings, workshops, master classes and visual art exhibitions in many different languages (Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese, among others) at the Havanafama Teatro Estudio.

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10- Instituto de Cultura Peruana, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,000

14840 Naranja Lakes Boulevard, #C2H
Homestead, FL 33032

XXX Spanish Literary Festival

7/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual "XXX Spanish Literary Festival," featuring poetry and short story presentations at the South Miami Branch Library.

11- Jazz Education Community Coalition, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2100 Van Buren Street, #301
Hollywood, FL 33020

Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon

9/26/2021 - 9/26/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the annual "Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon," featuring professional and student jazz performances by the Jazz Education Community Coalition and other community-based groups at Pinecrest Gardens. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

12- La Zarzuela, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

2515 SW 7 Street, #8
Miami, FL 33135

Zarzuela-Fest

8/14/2021 - 9/26/2021

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

Funds are requested to support "Zarzuela-Fest," celebrating the Spanish musical theater genre zarzuela through performances and workshops, featuring the work "Luisa Fernanda" by Moreno Torroba, taking place at the Manuel Artime Theater and the Main Public Library in Miami and the Seminole Theater in Homestead.

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13- MAIACA, Inc.
490 Rovino Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33156
Sur Taal
9/4/2021 - 9/5/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Sur Taal," a South Asian musical showcase and lecture on Bollywood film songs based on Hindustani Classical Music, taking place at Pinecrest Gardens.

14- Miami Girls Rock Camp, Inc.
5505 NE 2 Avenue
Miami, FL 33137
Miami Girls Rock Camp Finale Showcase
8/15/2021 - 8/15/2021

Recommended Award: \$5,000

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support finale musical showcase of the participants of the Miami Girls Rock Camp 2021, a week of transformation for girls and nonbinary youth, taking place at Space Park in Little Haiti.

15- South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Inc.
6011 NW 68 Street
Parkland, FL 33067
Summer Safari
7/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2, 8, 9

Funds are requested to support "Summer Safari," an interactive summer concert and storytelling series, including a series of animal stories called 'Creature Features,' a program of American dances based on animal movements called 'Zoo Dances,' and a classical concert called 'Swan Songs,' taking place throughout the community. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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16- Stars Friends Arts, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

240 Crandon Boulevard, #246

Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Keys on The Key

7/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Keys on the Key," a three-day piano festival, featuring classical, pop, jazz, new age, and improv performances by piano virtuosi, taking place in four venues throughout Key Biscayne.

17- Troop of Actors Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

8600 SW 133 Avenue, #311

Miami, FL 33183

Let the Silent Generation Speak

7/1/2021 - 9/30/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

Funds are requested to support "Let the Silent Generation Speak," a project which aims to give voice, through theater, to our oldest generation (people born between 1925 and 1945) through staged recreations of interviews collected throughout the community that are rich in memory, traditions and cultural heritage, with the performances taking place at the Artefactus Black Box.

18- UpBeat Miami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,500

8230 SW 9 Court

North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Summertime at the Hampton House Music Series

7/5/2021 - 9/6/2021

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support a summer multidisciplinary poetry, visual arts and musical concert series along with historical discussions at the Historic Hampton House, featuring a mixed genre of chamber music and jazz from the 1920's to soul and rhythm & blues from the 1960's. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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19- Urgent, Inc.

1000 NW 1 Avenue, #100
Miami, FL 33136

Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival
7/23/2021 - 7/24/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the sixth annual "Miami 4 Social Change Youth Film Festival," helping to find and amplify the next generation of storytellers (ages 14-24) in the community, through filmmaking and digital media arts, taking place at the Overtown Performing Arts Center.

20- Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc.

10777 West Sample Road, #1105
Coral Springs, FL 33065

YI Love YiddishFest 2021
8/30/2021 - 9/5/2021

Recommended Award: \$7,500

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

Funds are requested to support the annual "YI Love YiddishFest," a week-long virtual and in-person global festival celebrating Jewish culture, Yiddish language, and the Jewish contribution to world mainstream culture, with multidisciplinary events taking place at The Betsy Hotel, The University of Miami, and Miami Beach Jewish Community Center. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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