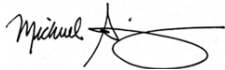


Date: December 15, 2021

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring 

Subject: FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 26 grants for a total of \$185,000.00 from the FY 2021-2022 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter.

BACKGROUND

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the second quarter (January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022), 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 2021-2022 Community Grants program panel, chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on November 4, 2021 to review 26 applications requesting \$227,500.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 26 applicants for a total of \$185,000.00.

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.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2021-2022 Community Grants (CG) – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- A Reflection of Me, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,920**
186 NW 88 Street
Miami, FL 33150
Changing the Carbon Footprint - The Spirit of Ubuntu
2/20/2022 - 2/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support a photography and multimedia exhibition, spoken word and musical performances in a celebration encompassing the complete Black experience, including those in Africa, America and Europe.

2- Across Missions, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$3,692**
a/f/a Beatriz Valdes Studio, Inc
8800 SW 149 Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33176
Las Ciudades Que Soy/ The Cities That I Am
3/19/2022 - 3/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Las Ciudades Que Soy/ The Cities That I Am," celebrating Cuban-Venezuelan actress Beatriz Valdes' 40 years as a performer, and her journey from Cuba to Miami, featuring guest stars Elba Escobar and Albita Rodriguez, at Paseo de las Artes.

3- Across Missions, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,920**
a/f/a Hand2HandTeam Corp
8800 SW 149 Street
Palmetto Bay, FL 33176
Sr. Odio - The Day Mr. Hate's Life Changed
3/26/2022 - 3/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 12

Funds are requested to support four family performances of the Oswaldo Maccio play, "Sr.Odio - The Day Mr. Hate's Life Changed" in both English and Spanish, with ASL adaptations, at Teatro 8 and the Koubek Theater.

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4- Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,920

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, FL 33326
Smooth Brazilian Jazz
1/8/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Smooth Brazilian Jazz," bringing a therapeutic medley of soothing bossa nova arrangements and uplifting samba tunes to patients, caregivers and staff at the Sylvester Cancer Center chemotherapy infusion units and inpatient areas, as well as a larger public performance in the center's courtyard. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

5- Brevo Theatre Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,614

PO Box 667002
Pompano Beach, FL 33066
Between Two Worlds
2/12/2022 - 3/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Between Two Worlds," featuring a production of "American Son" by Christopher Demos-Brown, as well as "2 Shades of Black: An Exploration of Multiracial Identity," a speaking engagement with the author to discuss themes of his work, including love, loss, and biracial identity, taking place at the Little Haiti Cultural Center. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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

Recommended Award: \$13,840

4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33137
Miami Jewish Film Festival
1/13/2022 - 1/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 4, 5, 6

Funds are requested to support the 25th Miami Jewish Film Festival, which creates opportunities for filmmakers, educators, and industry professionals to connect and interact with Miami audiences in-person and virtually, through over 70 film screenings, panel discussions, and other special events, taking place at the North Beach Bandshell, Jungle Plaza, Pride Park, Miami Beach JCC, Betsy Hotel, Coral Gables Art Cinema, Soundscape, Miami Theater Center, and O Cinema.

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7- Dimensions Variable, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,614

101 NW 79 Street
Miami, FL 33150
Provisional Obstruction
2/20/2022 - 3/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support an immersive installation that activates the exterior of Dimensions Variable's arts space in Little Haiti by employing scaffolding and banners designed by artists Misael Soto and Ayesha Singh, to initiate a dialog about the role of arts in community engagement.

8- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Festivities Committee, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$13,840

12864 Biscayne Boulevard, #436
North Miami, FL 33181
MLK Holiday Parade & Festival
1/17/2022 - 1/17/2022

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

Funds are requested to support the 45th anniversary edition of the nation's oldest, largest Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday parade and festival that commemorates the civil rights icon's legacy through diverse cultural and arts programming, commencing on NW 54 Street and 10 Avenue in Liberty City and ending in Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park.

9- Encantus Music Inc

Recommended Award: \$6,920

175 SW 7 Street, #1815
Miami, FL 33130
Ancient Arias of the New World
2/26/2022 - 2/26/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Ancient Arias of the New World," a performance of vocal arias derived from the historical investigative work by the Venezuelan musicologist, composer and performer Juan Francisco Sans, taking place at Corpus Christi Church.

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**10- Florida International University Board of Trustees,
for the benefit of the Miami Beach Urban Studios** **Recommended Award: \$6,920**

11200 SW 8 Street, MARC 430

Miami, FL 33199

XXV New Music Miami ISCM Festival

1/19/2022 - 4/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the XXV New Music Miami ISCM Festival, the 25th annual week-long festival, bringing cutting edge contemporary classical music to South Florida audiences, taking place at The Wolfsonian - Florida International University Museum.

**11- Foundation for Emerging Technologies and Arts, Inc.
a/f/a The Last Hundred** **Recommended Award: \$6,920**

2294 NW 2 Avenue

Miami, FL 33127

The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2022 Season Opening Concert

1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 11

Funds are requested to support "The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2022 Season Opening Concert," featuring a program of art music written in the last one hundred years with a focus on recent works by American composers, including those based in the greater Miami area, selected by artistic director and conductor Juan Trigos, and taking place at Florida International University's Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

**12- Fundarte, Inc.
a/f/a Antiheroes Projects** **Recommended Award: \$6,920**

7455 Collins Avenue, #201

Miami Beach, FL 33141

10 Year Anniversary Programs of Antiheroes Projects

1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "10 Year Anniversary Programs of Antiheroes Projects," featuring "La Escritura de la Ausencia/The Writing of Loss" panel and gallery exhibition, showcasing the works of Mara Jimenez, Mia Leonin, and Damaris Ferrer; and "Mariposas después de la Lluvia/Butterflies After the Rain" a Spanish-language theater production by Rafael Nofal, taking place at Miami Dade College's Koubek Center.

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13- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,920

8901 SW 79 Court

Miami, FL 33156

Miami Dance Futures' Annual Concert, "A Life in Dance"

1/10/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the production and presentation of Miami Dance Futures' annual concert "A Life in Dance" featuring the Miami premiere of "And First They Slaughtered the Angels" choreographed by Dr. Daniel Lewis, along with a two-week master class series, taking place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

14- Miami International Ballet Competition, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,920

15939 Biscayne Boulevard

North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Miami International Ballet Celebration

1/23/2022 - 1/23/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support the "Miami International Ballet Celebration," a dance event featuring professional international artists accompanied by award winners of the Miami International Ballet Competition, including dance groups from South Florida, taking place at the Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater.

15- Miami Light Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,920

a/f/a Maya Billig

PO Box 531385

Miami Shores, FL 33153

Gate Closes at 3:05

3/1/2022 - 5/2/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Gate Closes at 3:05," a multidisciplinary roaring 20's inspired experience of contemporary dance, street styles, and original live instrumental elements blended with electronic sounds, taking place at the Lightbox Theater at Miami Light Project.

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16- Miami Light Project, Inc. Recommended Award: \$6,920
a/f/a Natasha Tsakos

PO Box 531385
Miami Shores, FL 33153
CARABOOM
3/31/2022 - 4/17/2022

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

Funds are requested to support "CARABOOM," an immersive splash-filled spectacle experienced in-car and with a general audience, that reinterprets atmospheric carwash mechanics as dynamics for dance, music and drama, taking place at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus Lot No. 1.

17- Miami Light Project, Inc. Recommended Award: \$6,920
a/f/a Xavier Cortada Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 531385
Miami Shores, FL 33153
Plan(T) Eco-art Exhibition
3/1/2022 - 4/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5, 7, 12

Funds are requested to support a participant-driven exhibition at the Pinecrest Gardens Hibiscus Gallery that showcases "Plan(T)," a community-based eco-art project by Xavier Cortada, aiming to inspire residents to plan and plant for a future beset by sea level rise and saltwater intrusion, with additional artistic engagement taking place at Miami Center for Architecture and Design, the University of Miami, Southside Preparatory Academy, Sweetwater Elementary, Sunset Elementary, and Belen Jesuit Preparatory School.

18- Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. Recommended Award: \$6,920

601 SW 8 Avenue
Miami, FL 33130
Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse
2/26/2022 - 2/26/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the second annual "Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse," an immersive arts experience and exhibition from the perspective of blind and visually impaired artists, celebrating inclusion, diversity and equity in the arts, featuring lectures with prominent local artists, audience engagement in art creation, live music and performance art at the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Little Havana.

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19- Miami Shores Village **Recommended Award: \$4,614**
10050 Northeast 2 Avenue
Miami Shores, FL 33138
Miami Shores Village Plaza 98 Experience
1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the "Plaza 98 Experience," a monthly music, dance and cultural celebration taking place in the pedestrian-friendly plaza located at NE 98 Street and 2 Avenue in Miami Shores.

20- Para Bajitos Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,920**
420 SW 12 Avenue, #1005
Miami, FL 33130
Galapago
3/12/2022 - 3/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Galapago," a family-oriented theatrical play that highlights the value of non-material and the importance of caring for the environment, taking place at the Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center.

21- Power Access, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$6,920**
1616 Michigan Avenue, #1
Miami Beach, FL 33139
South Beach Jazz Festival
1/6/2022 - 1/9/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4, 5

Funds are requested to support the fifth annual "South Beach Jazz Festival," featuring renowned and diverse musicians, who have various disabilities, allowing audiences to recognize these artists for their abilities and not their disabilities at various venues throughout Miami Beach.

22- Rotary Foundation of South Miami, Inc. **Recommended Award: \$9,227**
6401 SW 87 Avenue, #115
Miami, FL 33173
South Miami Rotary Art Festival
2/26/2022 - 2/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 37th annual "South Miami Rotary Art Festival," a family-friendly, juried arts and crafts festival on Sunset Drive between Red Road and US 1 in downtown South Miami, featuring over 120 artists and various disciplines, food vendors, and live jazz.

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23- Ruta Teatral Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,614

1140 101 Street, #201
Bay Harbour Islands, FL 33154
World Theater Day Miami 2022
3/27/2022 - 3/27/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 6, 7, 9

Funds are requested to support the celebration of "World Theater Day Miami 2022," promoting theater performances presented at multiple cultural venues across Miami-Dade County in English, Spanish, and Creole.

24- The EATN Project Inc.

Recommended Award: \$5,998

4020 NW 185 Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33055
Black Is Black Ain't
2/20/2022 - 2/20/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support the second annual "Black is Black Ain't," a community exhibition during Black History month, featuring Black independent authors and artists from the community presenting narrative and spoken word, visual art and dance, to help support Black history, taking place at St. Thomas University.

**25- The Miami Foundation, Inc.
a/f/a Susan Caraballo**

Recommended Award: \$6,920

40 NW 3 Street, #305
Miami, FL 33128
Prelude to 2100: A Transmedia Immersive Experience
1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support "Prelude to 2100: A Transmedia Immersive Experience" an interdisciplinary immersive transmedia project addressing the climate crisis and environmental racism, conceptualized by artist/curator/producer Susan Caraballo and developed in collaboration with playwright Juan C. Sánchez, taking place at the Deering Estate.

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Grant Award Recommendations**

26- Village of Pinecrest

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, FL 33156

Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival

1/22/2022 - 1/23/2022

Recommended Award: \$9,227

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the 18th annual art festival held at Pinecrest Gardens, a juried art show featuring original art from 60 nationally and internationally recognized visual artists, along with an environmental art exhibition, live music, and children's activities.

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