

Date: March 20, 2024

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Marialaura Leslie 

Subject: FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 21 grants for a total of \$127,000.00 from the FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2023-2024 Community Grants Program – Third Quarter panel, chaired by Councilor Sandra Curbelo, convened on February 8, 2024, to review 21 applications requesting \$155,810 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 21 applicants for a total of \$127,000.

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 the program; 2) administrative capability; 3) marketing strategy; 4) fundraising efforts; and 5) geographic location of the event. Attached is a list describing the projects being recommended for funding.

Even though we are steadily emerging from the impact of COVID-19 on public programs scheduled for the Third Quarter (April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024), we continue to evaluate each proposal 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.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2023-2024 Community Grants (CG) – 3rd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- Algo Nuevo Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$6,670

412 NW 11 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33128
Musica Para El Alma (Music for the Soul) Spring Performances
4/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support “Musica Para El Alma (Music for the Soul) Spring Performances,” a monthly multidisciplinary community showcase featuring public open-mic sessions, performances by the Rescued Artists, a diverse group of Miami-Dade seniors (musicians, singers, dancers, drag performers, and poets) and the Algo Nuevo Band, taking place at Villa Parrilla Restaurant in Hialeah Gardens.

2- ArtesMiami, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

9140 SW 69 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33156
Stories from the Arts/Historias de las Artes
4/19/2024 - 9/20/2024

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

Funds are requested to support “Historias de las Artes/Stories from the Arts,” a monthly free in-person and virtual interview series in English and Spanish, highlighting the contributions of Miami-based LatinX artists, including painters, sculptors, writers, poets, playwrights, musicians, documentary filmmakers, producers, and cultural leaders. The events will take place at Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center, American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora, Miami Dade College Koubek Memorial Center, Miami-Dade Public Library System - Hispanic Branch Library, and Miami-Dade Public Library System - Pinecrest Branch Library.

3- Artwalk Presents, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

2094 SE 17 Street
Homestead, Florida 33035
Artwalk Presents Homestead Art in the Park
5/25/2024 - 5/25/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support “Artwalk Presents Homestead Art in the Park,” a free community multidisciplinary arts event promoting the diversity of art, art programs, and available community and human resources to area residents. Featuring interactive art led by professional artists, live performances by local musical groups, high school bands, and dance groups, the event will take place at Harris Field Park in Homestead.

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4- Association of Exchange and Development of Activities and Partnership AEDAP, Inc. Recommended Award: \$3,556

11301 S Dixie Highway, #566235
Miami, Florida 33256
AEDAP 5th South Dade Haitian Heritage Celebration and Health Day
5/11/2024 - 5/11/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support “AEDAP 5th South Dade Haitian Heritage Celebration and Health Day,” a free music festival celebrating Haitian heritage and culture through live performances and an art exhibition while providing health and wellness services to the community. The event will take place at South Miami Heights Haitian Baptist Emmanuel Church.

5- Ayiti Haiti Hall of Fame-Music, Entertainment & Sports Museum Corp. Recommended Award: \$4,445

10750 NW 6 Court, #121
Miami, Florida 33168
Essence of Time - Celebrating the Eras of Historic Arts & Culture
6/8/2024 - 6/8/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support “Essence of Time - Celebrating the Eras of Historic Arts & Culture,” a free theatrical folkloric showcase aimed to highlight African-Haitian roots through historical reenactments of the lives of notable cultural figures, and featuring performances by NSL Dancers and Dance A L, along with a musical performance by renowned Haitian artist, WID. The event will take place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

6- Blue Scholars Initiative, Inc. Recommended Award: \$6,670

6375 SW 106 Street
Miami, Florida 33156
World Ocean Celebration 2024
4/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

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

Funds are requested to support “World Ocean Celebration 2024,” an interdisciplinary art installation and series of workshops designed to promote access to and awareness of ocean-related ecological issues and artistic education for youth in underserved communities. Events will take place on the beachfront east of the W South Beach Hotel near Collins Park in Miami Beach, Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Overtown Youth Center, The Motivational Edge in Allapattah, and Breakthrough Miami.

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7- Margi Happenings, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

2630 SW 63 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155

El Lector Por Horas (The Hourly Reader) By José Sanchis Sinisterra

4/18/2024 - 4/20/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support three (3) performances of “El Lector Por Horas (The Hourly Reader),” by José Sanchis Sinisterra. A play featuring South Florida actors about a thought-provoking theatrical play that delves into the intricate dynamics of a challenging father-daughter relationship, exploring themes of communication, relationships, and the effects of disability on family dynamics. The performances will take place at the Manuel Artime Theater.

8- Miami Collegium Musicum, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,500

7120 SW 60 Street
Miami, Florida 33143

Mother's Day Celebration Concert

5/8/2024 - 5/8/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the “Mother’s Day Celebration Concert,” a choral musical performance by Miami Collegium Musicum, a diverse group of 30 choral performers featuring students and faculty from local universities. The performance, geared towards a senior audience but open to all ages, blends classical and contemporary music and will take place at the Banyan Bowl Theater in Pinecrest Gardens.

9- Miami Community Music Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

4133 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155

MCMC Community Music Day

5/4/2024 – 5/4/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the 'MCMC Community Music Day,' a free musical community event for all ages, featuring student performances, masterclasses, and workshops designed to provide community and connection through high-quality music education. The event will take place at Redeemer Church Miami.

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10- Miami River Fund, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$8,893

1407 NW 7 Street, #7
Miami, Florida 33125
25th Annual Miami Riverday
4/6/2024 - 4/6/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the “25th Annual Miami Riverday,” a free community festival featuring live music, historic re-enactments, environmental education exhibitions, and Miami Riverboat tours, taking place at Lummus Park along the Miami River.

11- Name Publications, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

6572 SW 40 Street
Miami, Florida 33155
The End / Spring Break
4/13/2024 - 6/22/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support “The End / Spring Break,” an art exhibition curated by Miami-based artists Patricia Hernandez and Domingo Castillo. The exhibition showcases Miami's art scene and its history between 2010 and 2015 through photographs, documentation, correspondences, merchandise, and artwork. The exhibition will take place at Name Publications in South Miami.

12- New Conscience Productions, Corp

Recommended Award: \$2,668

22638 SW 94 Path
Cutler Bay, Florida 33190
Caminantes de la Nueva Tierra (Walkers of the New Earth)
4/21/2024 - 4/21/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “Caminantes de la Nueva Tierra (Walkers of the New Earth),” a bilingual musical concert in celebration of Earth Day, showcasing the talents of over 35 local emerging singers, musicians, and dancers, taking place at Manuel Artime Theater.

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13- NWD Projects, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

6820 SW 65 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33143
National Water Dance 2024
4/20/2024 - 4/20/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13

Funds are requested to support “National Water Dance 2024,” a free family-friendly event celebrating nature and conservation, combining art with science-based understanding through guided tours of Biscayne Nature Center and performances by local dancers and musicians, and spoken word by artist, Arsimmer McCoy. Activities will take place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center with additional student workshops at Homestead Senior High School, Country Club Middle School in Hialeah, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center in Miami Beach, Historic Lyric Theater in Overtown, MDC Gibson Education Center in Coral Gables, Pincrest Elementary School, and The Growing Place School in Coral Gables.

14- Our Chance Enterprise, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$3,113

10921 NW 22 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33167
Diversity Through Threads
5/23/2024 - 5/23/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support “Diversity Through Threads,” a youth-led showcase celebrating cultural diversity through fashion, music, dance, poetry, and visual arts, taking place at William H. Turner Technical Arts Adult Community Education Center Auditorium.

15- Para Bajitos, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

420 SW 12 Avenue, #1005
Miami, Florida 33130
La Cuca (The Cockroach)
5/4/2024 - 5/12/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “La Cuca (The Cockroach),” a theatrical children's play featuring local actors to help teach children about self-esteem. Performances will take place at the Tower Theater Cultural Center in Little Havana.

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16- Pincrest City Music Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

11767 S Dixie Highway
Miami, Florida 33156
8th Annual Music @ The Gardens
5/8/2024 - 5/8/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the “8th Annual Music @ the Gardens,” a free community-wide public arts education showcase featuring performances and art exhibitions by Miami-Dade County public school visual arts students, taking place at the Banyan Bowl at Pincrest Garden.

17- Seminole Cultural Arts Theatre, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

25 West Mowry Drive
Homestead, Florida 33030
Shrek Jr.
4/5/2024 - 4/7/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

Funds are requested to support the theatrical musical production of “Shrek Jr.,” based on the Oscar-winning animation film and Broadway musical. Performances will showcase the talents of local actors from the Seminole Theatre Players troupe, taking place at the Seminole Theatre in Homestead.

18- South Florida Educational Development Center, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

620 NW 2 Avenue
Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009
All Ah We Is One Family
6/29/2024 - 6/29/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1

Funds are requested to support “All Ah We Is One Family,” an original play showcasing Miami's diverse cultural traditions, customs, and expressions of Native American, Spanish American, African American, Indo, and Chinese American families through reenactments, music, and dance performances. The performance, featuring local actors, will take place at the Holy Family Episcopal Church Auditorium in Miami Gardens. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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19- The New Light Foundation Inc. a/f/a Victoria Collado

Recommended Award: \$6,670

5621 Marina Road
Bokeelia, Florida 33922
Stephen's Deli: A Love Story
6/10/2024 - 6/17/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support “Stephen's Deli: A Love Story,” an immersive theatrical experience intertwining Jewish and Cuban culture while exploring themes of love, history, and cultural preservation. Performances will take place at Stephen's Deli in Hialeah, Florida's oldest deli. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

20- The New Theater Foundation, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$4,445

2150 Sans Souci Boulevard, #1004
North Miami, Florida 33181
La Monstrua (The Monster)
6/20/2024 - 6/30/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support “La Monstrua (The Monster),” a Venezuelan play by Ariel Mastanendra, featuring locally-based Hispanic actors, aimed at young adults and older audience members, taking place at the Colony Theater in Miami Beach.

21- Tradisyon Lakou Lakay, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$6,670

212 NE 59 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33137
Sounds of Little Haiti: Haitian Heritage Month Edition
5/17/2024 - 5/17/2024

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support the “Sounds of Little Haiti: Haitian Heritage Month Edition,” an outdoor community music festival featuring local comedians, dance ensembles, art exhibitions, culinary experiences, and a children's corner with traditional games and creole lessons and musical performances by Haitian kompas bands Tabou Combo and Mizik-Mizik, taking place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

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