

Memorandum



Date: November 16, 2022

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2022-2023 Community Grants Program – Second Quarter Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 25 grants for a total of \$190,000.00 from the FY 2022-2023 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, 2023 – March 31, 2023), 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 2022-2023 Community Grants program panel, chaired by Councilor Janá Sigars-Malina, convened on November 3, 2022, to review 25 applications requesting \$212,500.00 for the Second Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 25 applicants for a total of \$190,000.00.

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 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.

Attachment

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2022-2023 Community Grants (CG) – 2nd Quarter
Grant Award Recommendations**

1- After School Film Institute, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

160 NE 121 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
ASFI Future in Films Festival
1/27/2023 - 1/27/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "ASFI Future in Films Festival," celebrating the cinematic works of South Florida student filmmakers (between the ages of 13-18) featuring a public screening of short films and a live audience Q&A taking place at Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, Mary Anne Wolfe Theatre.

2- Brazilian Voices, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

1792 Bell Tower Lane
Weston, Florida 33326
Brazilian Voices "One Note Samba"
1/3/2023 - 3/31/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support Brazilian Voices "One Note Samba," 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 three small-group patient sessions. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

3- Center for Social Change, Inc. a/f/a Tony Khawam

Recommended Award: \$1,652

2103 Coral Way, 2nd Floor
Miami, Florida 33145
Living the Dream
3/1/2023 - 3/31/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support "Living the Dream," an art exhibition featuring paintings of prominent women in history (Paleolithic Europe to the present) living in South Florida from an immigrant's perspective of the American dream taking place at Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

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

Recommended Award: \$14,126

4200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137
Miami Jewish Film Festival
1/12/2023 - 1/26/2023

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

Funds are requested to support the 26th annual “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 Miami Beach Bandshell, Coral Gables Art Cinema, Miami Theater Center, O Cinema South Beach, Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center, Miami Beach Jewish Community Center, Cosford Cinema and Betsy Hotel.

**5- Coral Gables Community Foundation, Inc.
a/f/a Friends of Pinecrest Dance Project Corp**

Recommended Award: \$7,063

220 Alhambra Circle, #320
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
DanceCrest Festival
3/4/2023 - 3/5/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support “DanceCrest Festival,” a dance showcase featuring fifteen dance studios throughout Miami-Dade County, including workshops and masterclasses at Pinecrest Gardens.

**6- Diaspora Vibe Cultural Arts Incubator, Inc.
a/f/a Collaboartive, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$7,063

6011 North Bayshore Drive, #10
Miami, Florida 33137
CollaboARTive Creative Play
1/1/2023 - 3/31/2023

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

Funds are requested to support “CollaboARTive Creative Play,” a monthly open artist residence program showcasing artwork by Miami-based artists, including workshops and artist talks taking place at Warehouse4726 and the InterContinental Miami Hotel.

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

Recommended Award: \$14,126

12864 Biscayne Boulevard, #436
North Miami, Florida 33181
MLK Holiday Parade & Festival
1/16/2023 - 1/16/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support the forty-sixth-anniversary edition of “MLK Holiday Parade & Festival,” 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.

8- Encantus Music, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

175 SW 7 Street, #1815
Miami, Florida 33130
Ancient Arias of the New World
3/12/2023 - 3/12/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support “Ancient Arias of the New World,” a historical concert based on an investigative work by the Venezuelan musicologist, composer, and performer Juan Francisco Sans taking place at Church of the Little Flower.

**9- Florida International University Board of Trustees,
for the benefit of the Miami Beach Urban Studios**

Recommended Award: \$7,063

11200 SW 8 Street, MARC #430
Miami, Florida 33199
XXVI New Music Miami ISCM Festival
1/18/2023 - 4/19/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the “XXVI New Music Miami ISCM Festival,” a week-long festival showcasing bringing cutting-edge contemporary classical music to South Florida audiences, taking place at The Wolfsonian - Florida International University Museum.

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10- HAVFAMA, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

120 NW 86 Court
Miami, Florida 33126
XXI Latin American Monologue Festival / XXI Festival
Latinoamericano del Monólogo
2/3/2023 - 2/26/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the “XXI Latin American Monologue Festival,” featuring over twenty theater plays, play readings, workshops, master classes, and visual art exhibitions in many different languages such as Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese, and others taking place at Havanafama Teatro Estudio.

11- Imago Por Las Artes, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

150 Madeira Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Miami Children’s Storytelling Festival
1/8/2023 - 3/19/2023

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

Funds are requested to support the "Miami Children's Storytelling Festival," featuring the oral tradition of storytelling as a fundamental part of Hispanic culture; participating children between the ages of 7-12 will create and perform their own theatrical story for the community taking place at Artefactus Cultural Center.

12- Italian Film Festival, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

5151 Collins Avenue, #224
Miami Beach, Florida 33140
Cinema Italy Film Festival
1/20/2023 - 1/24/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the eighteenth “Cinema Italy Film Festival,” a public screening of the top 10 Italian films produced in 2021 and early 2022 that have not yet been screened for South Florida audiences taking place at Regal Cinemas South Beach.

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13- MAIACA, Inc.

1436 Mantua Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33146
Holi - Festival of Colors
3/11/2023 - 3/19/2023

Recommended Award: \$7,063

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Holi - Festival of Colors," a cultural celebration of the beginning of spring, the triumph of good over bad, and rebirth featuring live music, dance performances, and activities taking place at Oasis Wynwood.

14- Miami Dance Futures, Inc.

8901 SW 79 Court
Miami, Florida 33156
Miami Dance Futures' Annual Concert "A Life in Dance"
1/2/2023 - 3/31/2023

Recommended Award: \$7,063

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'," an annual concert featuring the Miami premiere of "Life and Other Things" choreographed by Dr. Daniel Lewis taking place at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

15- Miami International Ballet Competition, Inc.

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160
Miami International Ballet Celebration
1/29/2023 - 1/29/2023

Recommended Award: \$7,063

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2,

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.

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16- Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

601 SW 8 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33130
Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse
3/11/2023 - 3/11/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the third annual “Art Walk at Miami Lighthouse,” an immersive art experience and exhibition from the perspective of blind and visually impaired artists, celebrating inclusion, diversity, and equity in the arts, featuring performances by United Voices Gospel choir and interactive guided art activities taking place at Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. headquarter.

17- Pinecrest City Music Project, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

11767 S Dixie Highway, #176
Pinecrest, Florida 33156
South Dade Schools ArtsFest
2/5/2023 - 2/5/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the third annual “South Dade Schools Arts Fest,” a community-wide visual and performing arts showcase by South Dade Schools in celebration of “Arts in Our Schools Month,” featuring live musical performances and electronic art taking place at Pinecrest Gardens.

18- Power Access, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$9,418

1616 Michigan Avenue, #1
Miami Beach, Florida 33139
South Beach Jazz Festival
1/5/2023 - 1/8/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the sixth annual “South Beach Jazz Festival,” featuring renowned and diverse musicians with various disabilities, allowing audiences to recognize these artists for their abilities and not their disabilities taking place at The Plaza and Euclid Oval on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.

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**19- Siudy Flamenco Dance Theater, Inc.
a/f/a Nu Flamenco Collaborative, Inc.**

Recommended Award: \$7,063

817 NE 125 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161
Introspective - Flamenco Guitar Concert
1/21/2023 - 1/21/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "Introspective - Flamenco Guitar Concert," a flamenco guitar performance by maestro Jose Luis de la Paz, presenting an experimental interpretation of a pandemic chronicle of solitude, taking place at Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

20- Sunflower Society, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

19333 Collins Avenue, #1707
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 33160
Sunflower After School Art for Life
1/11/2023 - 3/15/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "Sunflower After School Art for Life," a children's art program and exhibition promoting the use of recycled materials and helping students learn about conserving the environment by reducing their environmental footprint and promoting sustainable behaviors through energy and water conservation, waste reduction and recycling taking place at Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and the Overtown Youth Center.

21- The Last Hundred, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

2275 Biscayne Boulevard, #1007
Miami, Florida 33137
The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2023 Season Opening Concerts
2/24/2023 - 3/31/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "The Last Hundred Ensemble's 2023 Season Opening Concerts," programs of art music written in the last one hundred years with a focus on recent works written by American composers, including those based in the greater Miami area, selected by artistic director Juan Trigos taking place at St. Bede Chapel, the Episcopal Church Center at the University of Miami and Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

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22- The School of Atis and Performing Arts Incorporated

Recommended Award: \$7,063

1045 NW 115 Street
Miami, Florida 33168
WEHEA-NATION
3/3/2023 - 3/5/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 2

Funds are requested to support "Wehea-Nation," a family-friendly festival featuring live music by local artists, dance performances, storytelling, and arts and crafts taking place at Griffin Park in North Miami.

23- Tropic Bound, Inc.

Recommended Award: \$7,063

1395 Brickell Avenue, #800
Miami, Florida 33131
Tropic Bound 2023
2/16/2023 – 2/19/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Tropic Bound 2023," Miami's first "Artist's Book Fair" that promotes and supports the work of book artists while providing a platform for national artists, international artists, and publishers to exhibit, sell and exchange artists' books featuring guided neighborhood tours, an educational symposium, and artist talks taking place at Paradise Plaza in the Miami Design District.

24- Village of Pinecrest

Recommended Award: \$9,418

12645 Pinecrest Parkway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156
Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival
1/21/2023 - 1/22/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the ninth annual "Pinecrest Gardens Fine Arts Festival," a juried art show featuring original art from 65 nationally and internationally recognized visual artists, along with interactive programming, an environmental art exhibition and demonstrations, live music, and children's activities taking place at Pinecrest Gardens.

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25- Woman’s Club of Coconut Grove, Florida

Recommended Award: \$7,063

2985 S. Bayshore Drive
Miami, Florida 33133
Young Artists Gallery (YAG)
3/11/2023 - 3/12/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the “Young Artists Gallery (YAG),” a juried art show featuring the original artwork from students through Miami-Dade County senior high school students taking place at the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove.

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