

# Memorandum



**Date:** February 15, 2023

**To:** Members, Cultural Affairs Council

**From:** Michael Spring

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

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 26 grants for a total of \$155,332.00 from the FY 2022-2023 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, 2023 – June 30, 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 February 8, 2023, to review 27 applications requesting \$201,000.00 for the Third Quarter of the program. The Panel recommended funding 27 applicants for a total of \$160,000.00. However, Fundarte, Inc. a/f/a Antiheroes Project, Inc. decided to decline the Panel's grant recommendation, making the final total recommendation \$155,332.00.

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) – 3rd Quarter  
Grant Award Recommendations**

**1- Artwalk Presents, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

2094 SE 17 Street  
Homestead, Florida 33035  
Artwalk Presents Homestead Art in the Park  
5/27/2023 - 5/27/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 9

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 other community and human resources available to area residents, taking place at Blakey Park in Homestead.

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**2- Beatriz Valdes Studio, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

14615 North Miami Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33168  
The Day that Mr. Hate's Life Changed  
5/12/2023 - 5/14/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support three family performances of Oswaldo Maccio's play, "The Day that Mr. Hate's Life Changed" in both English and Spanish, with ASL adaptations taking place at Miami Dade College Koubek Theater.

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**3- Blue Scholars Initiative, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

6375 SW 106 Street  
Miami, Florida 33156  
World Ocean Weekend Celebration 2023  
4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "World Ocean Weekend Celebration 2023," an interdisciplinary art installation and series of workshops designed to promote access to and awareness of ocean-related ecological issues and artistic knowledge for youth in underserved communities, taking place at the W South Beach Hotel, on the beachfront near Collins Park in Miami Beach and Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science.

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**4- Centro Cultural Boliviano Masis, Corp.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

1051 SW 73 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33144  
Bolivian and International Carnival  
4/22/2023 - 4/22/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 10

Funds are requested to support the eighth annual "Bolivian and International Carnival," a free musical, dance and arts festival showcasing Bolivian cultural work and heritage, modeled after the Carnival of Oruro-Bolivia, taking place in Tropical Park.

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**5- Doral Contemporary Art Museum, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

5775 NW 84 Avenue, #2  
Doral, Florida 33166  
Artists Celebrate Our Planet With Care – Doral’s Earth Day Celebration  
4/22/2023 - 5/20/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 12

Funds are requested to support "Artists Celebrate Our Planet With Care – Doral’s Earth Day Celebration," an art exhibition showcasing the artwork of South Florida artists actively involved in environmental issues taking place at Doral Cultural Arts Center.

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**6- Florida International University - Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

11200 SW 8th Street, MARC 430  
Miami, Florida 33199  
The Secret Life of Plants  
4/1/2023 - 5/20/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "The Secret Life of Plants," an art exhibition, a series of community conversations, and an artist-lead masterclass inspired by Stevie Wonder’s 1979 double-album Journey Through the Secret Life of Plants taking place at IPC ArtSpace and The Kampong, National Tropical Botanical Garden.

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**7- Florida L'Opera & Zarzuela Corp**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

17911 SW 27 Street  
Miramar, Florida 33029  
La Bohème  
5/26/2023 - 5/26/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "La bohème," an opera, in four acts, composed by Giacomo Puccini with the libretto of Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa, based on "Scènes de la vie de bohème" by Henri Murger, taking place at Manuel Arttime Theater. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**8- Florida's Singing Sons, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

2300 East Oakland Park Boulevard, #302  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33306  
Oye Choral Festival Concert  
6/16/2023 - 6/16/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "Oye Choral Festival Concert," a concert showcasing the vocal talents of the Florida Singing Sons and Miami Children's Chorus taking place at the Miami Beach Community Church. All grant funds are used for activities that occur in Miami-Dade County.

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**9- Gamebred Youth & Families, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,396**

8321 NW 7 Street, #303  
Miami, Florida 33126  
Gamebred Youth Photovoice Project  
4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support the "Gamebred Youth Photovoice Project," a photography exhibition that aims to showcase the community through the "lens" of underserved youth in Miami-Dade County, taking place at the HistoryMiami Museum.

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**10- Guataca Nights Foundations, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,093**

1110 Brickell Avenue, #201-A  
Miami, Florida 33131  
Embracing Differences  
6/24/2023 - 6/24/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support " Embracing Differences" a musical concert based on the album, Brooklyn - Cumaná, by Venezuelan artists Jorge Glem and Sam Reideruattro taking place at Miami Dade College Koubek Center.

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**11- Harambee, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$3,396**

11358 SW 167 Street  
Miami, Florida 33157  
Mother May I  
4/29/2023 - 4/29/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "Mother May I," a dance concert highlighting the role of mothers and maternal mortality taking place at Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center.

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**12- Hued Songs, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$5,517**

PO BOX 630142  
Miami, Florida 33163  
The Juneteenth Experience  
6/19/2023 - 6/19/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "The Juneteenth Experience," a multidisciplinary celebration, featuring diverse artists combining song, dance, spoken word, and multimedia to create a retelling of Juneteenth's past, present, and future, taking place at the Miami Beach Bandshell.

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**13- Margi Happenings, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

2630 SW 63 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33155  
Mariposas en Flor  
4/21/2023 - 4/22/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support two performances of "Mariposas en Flor," a dramatic comedy written by Marcos Casanovas about the Cuban experience after the Castro revolution taking place at the Manuel Arttime Theater.

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**14- Miami Chamber Music Society, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

14155 SW 88 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33176  
Mainly Mozart Festival  
5/20/2023 - 6/17/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support the 30th edition of the "Mainly Mozart Festival," featuring performances by world-renowned performers as well as an interactive children's concert taking place at the Sanctuary of the Arts in Coral Gables.

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**15- Miami Community Music Center, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

4133 SW 62 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33155  
MCMC Community Music Day  
5/6/2023 – 5/6/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 8

Funds are requested to support "MCMC Community Music Day," an interactive community musical concert featuring masterclasses and workshops taking place at St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

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**16- Miami Dance Hub, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

6017 SW 16 Street  
Miami, Florida 33155  
Miami Dances  
4/1/2023 - 5/28/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 1, 2, 3, 9

Funds are requested to support "Miami Dances," two multi-genre and multi-cultural dance performances, featuring South Florida professional dance organizations and artists of various genres from classical ballet and modern to flamenco and hip-hop, taking place at Miami Dade College North Campus Lehman Theater.

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**17- Miami Light Project, Inc. a/f/a Kathy Shorr**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

404 NW 26 Street  
Miami, Florida 33127  
SHOT: We the Mothers  
5/1/2023 - 9/6/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "SHOT: We the Mothers," an art exhibition of 50 large-scale vinyl photographs of mothers who have lost children to gun violence in the Miami area taking place at Gibson Park and Southside Park.

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**18- NWD Projects, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

6820 SW 65 Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33143  
Dancing Out of Time - An Environmental Dance Film Festival  
4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023

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

Funds are requested to support "Dancing Out of Time - An Environmental Dance Film Festival," environmentally focused film screenings taking place at Long Pine Key Amphitheater at Everglades National Park alongside a multi-disciplinary live dance performance at Gibson Park.

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**19- Operation Lyric, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

8325 SW 168 Terrace  
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157  
Music of the Americas  
6/24/2023 - 6/24/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 4

Funds are requested to support "Music of the Americas," a concert featuring lyric music from South America, Central America, and North America showcasing an extensive range of musical styles influenced by different countries, social groups, and regions taking place at St. John's on the Lake.

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**20- Para Bajitos, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

420 SW 12 Avenue, #1005  
Miami, Florida 33130  
The Cucumber King  
5/20/2023 - 5/28/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 5

Funds are requested to support "The King Cucumber," a theater play for children based on the classic children's book of the same title, where a teenager and his family lead an uneventful life until an autocratic Cucumber King suddenly appears from the depths of their cellar and throws himself on the mercy of the household taking place at Miami Dade College Koubek Center.

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**21- PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.  
a/f/a Spoken Soul Festival**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

10917 NW 12 Court  
Miami, Florida 33167  
Spoken Soul Festival 2023  
4/15/2023 - 4/30/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Spoken Soul Festival 2023," an artistic spoken word themed showcase intended to ignite civic engagement taking place at the Adrienne Arsht Center.

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**22- Ruta Teatral, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$4,244**

1140 101 Street, #402 B  
Bay Harbor Islands, Florida 33154  
Strange Food  
6/11/2023 - 6/11/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 6

Funds are requested to support "Strange Food," an interactive bi-lingual play about food insecurity in our society that aims to bring awareness of "we are what we eat" taking place at Teatro Trail / Trail Theater.

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**23- Simbios Art Corp**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

1300 NE 109 Street, #205  
North Miami, Florida 33161  
Asi de simple  
4/5/2023 - 4/22/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Asi de simple," a comedic play written by Sofia Gonzalez Gil and Ignacio Bresso, that exposes the conflicts between a couple in a relationship taking place at the Sandrell Rivers Theatre.

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**24- Troop of Actors, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

8600 SW 133 Avenue, #311  
Miami, Florida 33183  
Let the Silent Generation Speak  
4/1/2023 - 5/28/2023

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

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 is rich in memory, traditions, and cultural heritage, with the performances taking place at the Artefactus Black Box.

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**25- University of Miami - Department of Theatre Arts**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

1320 S. Dixie Highway, #650  
Coral Gables, Florida 33146  
The Passport Project  
4/1/2023 - 6/30/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 7

Funds are requested to support the world-premiere performances of "The Passport Project," a collaborative theatrical experiment between Miami and Oslo about immigration and how people move from place to place to find their home, taking place at the Black Box Theatre at the University of Miami.

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**26- Wynwood Pride, Inc.**

**Recommended Award: \$6,366**

121 NE 34 Street, #2702  
Miami, Florida 33137  
Wynwood Pride 2023  
6/9/2023 - 6/11/2023

District Location(s) for Project Activity: 3

Funds are requested to support "Wynwood Pride 2023," a three-day Pride celebration music festival featuring international and local artists, drag shows, lipsync battles, a fashion show and art installations, taking place at RC Cola Plant in Wynwood.

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