


Date: July 21, 2021

To: Members
Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring
Director 

Subject: FY 2021-2022 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods (DAN) Grants Program
Recommendations

The FY 2021-2022 award recommendations for the Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program will be computed using the established funding formula for this program. The program's FY 2021-2022 total allocation and the recommended grant award amounts per grantee will be presented to the Council for final review later this summer, after all of the "Spring Cycle" grants program panels have convened. Final grant awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the Department's FY 2021-2022 budget, which is subject to the County's Budget as adopted in September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 24 grants for the FY 2021-2022 Developing Arts in Neighborhoods Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2021-2022 DAN Program Panel, chaired by Councilor Mireille Chancy Gonzalez and attended by Councilor Cheryl Rees, convened on June 30, 2021 to review 24 applications requesting \$360,000. The Panel recommended funding all 24 applications.

The DAN Program is designed to help arts groups develop management skills and establish short and long-range organizational goals by providing funding and technical assistance support to small and emerging grassroots and neighborhood-based arts groups. These groups must present year-round activities and have an annual operating budget of less than \$100,000, based on the last completed fiscal year's operations. The program encourages applications from groups whose activities: 1) build audiences and sustained community or neighborhood support for the arts; 2) encourage people to include arts in their everyday lives; 3) are deeply rooted in the cultural life of a neighborhood or community; 4) preserve the indigenous heritage, traditions, and/or rituals of a particular culture or ethnic group; and/or 5) enhance community development and/or revitalization efforts. In addition to receiving funding support, grantees participate in the program's accompanying marketing workshop series.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) artistic merit; 2) management capability; 3) organizational development; 4) efforts leading to long-term cultural enrichment of area served; and 5) the organization's financial stability and capacity to attract financial support from other private and public sources as evidenced in matching requirements and in-kind. The organizations and projects recommended for funding reflect Miami-Dade County's ethnic, cultural, artistic and community diversity.

Funding for the DAN Program is derived from departmental proprietary revenues. All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2021-2022 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
FY 2020-2021 DEVELOPING ARTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANTS PROGRAM