

Memorandum



Date: June 16, 2021

To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council

From: Michael Spring

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Subject: FY 2021-22 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program Recommendations

In light of the uncertainty surrounding the long-term impact of Covid-19 on public programs scheduled to begin after October 1, 2021, staff advised the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Program Panel at the panel's orientation to review and score 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. The award recommendations will be computed using the established funding formulas 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 the Spring cycle grants program panels have convened and preliminary FY 2021-2022 budget numbers are received.

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. At that time the Department will assess the grantee's feasibility of presenting public programs in traditional venues and performing 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.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 31 grants from the FY 2020-2021 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 2021-2022 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Panel, chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Mitchell Bierman, convened on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 to review 33 applications requesting a total of \$2,500,000. The Panel recommended funding all 33 applications.

The objective of the Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grants Program is to provide operational funding support to non-profit youth arts organizations having a year-round presence in Miami-Dade County whose primary mission is to create, present or exhibit cultural programs for children and/or with children. Applicants to this program must have at least a 3-year track record of providing a year-round season of youth arts activities for children and youth. Programs must include public access components such as performances or exhibitions. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The YAM program is structured into three funding categories: Category A funds large-sized professional youth arts organizations invited to apply by Department of Cultural Affairs staff and possessing the potential to achieve regional, national or international visibility as evidenced by the organization's current programs and structure. Category B funds mid-sized semi-professional and professional youth arts organizations demonstrating a total prior year's organizational revenues of between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Category C funds small and/or developing youth arts organizations with annual organizational revenues between \$50,000 and \$200,000.

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact - efforts to fulfill the youth arts mission of the organization; 2) artistic merit; 3) management, organizational development and financial capability; and 4) reach (ability to reach underserved children and youth who may be limited by geography, economics or disability and impact on and involvement of Miami-Dade's multicultural community). Attached is a list describing the organizations and programs recommended for funding.

**Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
FY 2021-22 Youth Arts Miami (YAM) Grant Award Recommendations**

Grant #1 : All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc.
1708 N 40 AVE
Hollywood, Florida 33021

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music education and outreach performances for 2,000 students ages 5-18, at various community sites and public venues in Miami Dade County. Program activities will include orchestral training, violin and percussion instruction for at-risk youth, Family Concerts, and outreach performances. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from improved musical skills and social / behavioral skills.

Grant #2 : Alliance for Musical Arts Productions, Inc.
5020 NW 197 ST
Miami Gardens, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Musical Arts Theater & Tutoring-MATT Program for 30 students ages 7-18 in a virtual setting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, until further notice. Program activities will include sessions in musical sight-reading, percussion, and composition. Participants will engage in music/percussion training, and benefit from mastering the skills taught and the confidence of a lesson learned.

Grant #3 : American Children's Orchestras for Peace, Inc.
2150 Coral Way #3-C
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support American Children's Orchestras for Peace for 2,300 students ages 5-18 at Jose Marti Park, Shenandoah Elementary and Shenandoah Park in Miami. Program activities include music history, playing instruments, and reading/writing musical notation. Participants will engage in instruction in classical music, Latin/Afro-Caribbean, recorder, chorus, piano, and Zumba and benefit from literature, fitness, social-emotional, and life skills.

Grant #4 : Area Performance Gallery, Inc. dba Area Stage Company
5701 Sunset Drive Suite 286
South Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Area Stage Company's conservatory for 1,000 students ages 5-22 at Area Stage Company in South Miami. Program activities include a structured curriculum of group classes and private instruction and a full season of large-scale theatre productions. Participants will engage in theatre-based learning, encompassing acting, singing, dancing, and stage tech, benefiting from expanded and strengthened leadership skills, emotional intelligence, goal setting, and self-assurance.

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Grant #5 : Armour Dance Theater, Inc

5818 SW 73 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Armour Dance Theater programming for 850 students ages 5-18 at five sites in South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens, and West Perrine. Program activities will include instruction in ballet, tap, modern, hip hop, West African, and Bollywood. Participants will engage in dance, reading, and homework (math) assistance, and art classes. Skills learned include discipline, consistency, focus, delayed gratification and improved reading skills.

Grant #6 : Art Creates US Inc. dba ProjectArt

247 Water Street STE-403
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support ProjectArt Miami for 240 students ages 4-18 at multiple Miami-Dade Public Libraries. Program activities will include tuition-free art classes, nine-month professional residencies for emerging artists, and the presentation of two final exhibitions. Participants will engage with a variety of art materials in both 2D, 3D and digital projects, and benefit from increased literacy, self-esteem and problem-solving skills.

Grant #7 : Ballet Etudes of South Florida, Inc.

6812 NW 169th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33015

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Ballet Etudes for 250 students ages 3-18, and 10 dancers ages 18-22 at Ballet Etudes studio, Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts, City of Hialeah, Lehman Theater and more in Hialeah, Miami Lakes, and Miami Gardens. Program activities will include performances and dance training. Participants will engage in dance, especially classical ballet and benefit from discipline, focus, teamwork, performing, musicality, and physical conditioning.

Grant #8 : Bilingual School of Business & Performing Arts Inc.

8933 NW 178 ST
Hialeah, Florida 33018

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support after-school performing arts programs for 150 students ages 3-18 at the BBharts Performing Arts Academy in Hialeah. Program activities will include performing arts classes and workshops, competitions, performances, and community events. Participants will engage in dance, acting, and music, and benefit from increased artistic ability and value-driven personal growth.

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Grant #9 : Diva Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

4331 NW 194 Street
Miami, Florida 33055

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Diva Arts' Dance Empowers Youth Program for 120 students ages 5-19 at Diva Arts Dance Studio in Miami Gardens. Program activities will include dance training (e.g., ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip-hop), personal development, community outreach and choreography. Students will master skills in dance technique, improve academically, display a positive sense of self, and increase knowledge in health awareness.

Grant #10 : enFAMILIA, Inc.

PO BOX 924229
Homestead, Florida 33092

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support a year-round arts program for 300 students ages 8-15 at enFAMILIA, in Homestead and Florida City. Activities include multidisciplinary art classes, exhibits, and performances where students engage in dance, music, drama, creative writing, film production, and visual arts. Students will benefit from learning various art skills, as well as the causes, consequences, and solutions to substance abuse and at-risk behaviors.

Grant #11 : Fantasy Theatre Factory, Inc.

6103 NW 7 AVE
Miami, Florida 33127

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Fantasy Theatre Factory's Miami-Dade performances and workshops for 25,000 children ages 0-17 at the Sandrell Rivers Theater and Miami-Dade schools, parks, libraries, festivals, and community centers countywide. Program activities will include educational theater shows and workshops. Participants will engage in theatre arts and benefit from exposure to educational, culturally enriching theatre performances and interactive workshop experiences.

Grant #12 : Florida Film Institute, Inc.

640 NE 124 ST
North Miami, Florida 33161

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support CINEMA for 125 students ages 13-18 at North Miami, Miami Lakes, South Miami and, Coral Gables school locations. Program activities will include training in film production and media arts. Participants will engage in filmmaking and benefit from producing, directing, script writing, acting, sound/camera/lighting, and editing.

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Grant #13 : Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.

P.O. Box 650027
Miami, Florida 33265

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Music FUNdamentals for 425 students ages 2-8 at Bent Tree Elementary school in west Kendall, Kinderkids 1, 2, and 3 in Naranja and Homestead, Pine Villa Elementary school in Goulds, and Promised Land Academy in Homestead. Project activities will include singing, playing instruments, and movement. Participants will engage in music education and benefit from age-appropriate activities stimulating learning and enjoyment while enhancing brain development.

Grant #14 : Greater Miami Youth Symphony of Dade County, Florida, Inc.

5275 Sunset Dr.
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant funds will be used to support musical training, concerts, and outreach programs for an anticipated 450 students ages 5-18 and program locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include rehearsals, performances, classes, special events, and summer programs. Participants will engage in weekly orchestra/band rehearsals, instrument classes, sectionals, chamber groups, concerto competition, and outreach events and gala concerts, and will benefit from increased instrumental and performance skills.

Grant #15 : Guitars Over Guns Organization, Inc.

169 E Flagler St #1134
Miami, Florida 33131

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Guitars Over Guns programs for 400-450 students ages 9-18 at middle and high schools in North Miami, Miami Gardens, Carol City, Allapattah, Overtown, Liberty City, Homestead, Little Havana, Cutler Bay, and select community-based organization sites. Activities include instruction, performance, recording, and music video production. Youth will engage in arts instruction and education and benefit from mentorship, showcase, and exchange opportunities.

Grant #16 : Kinad, Inc.

2100 NW 192 TERR
Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Grant Funds will be used to support Kinad's year-round mobile museum cultural arts program for 9,300 children and youth ages 6–16 in community locations across Miami-Dade County. Kinad's programs provide informative historical exhibits, with a wide variety of materials that introduce children of all ages to the cultural significance of the African American perspective, cultural traditions and addressing obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart attack or heart diseases due to poor diets.

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Grant #17 : Miami Children's Chorus, Inc.

8771 SW 220th Street
Miami, Florida 33190

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Children's Chorus programs for 140 students ages 8-22 and venues located in Coral Gables, South Miami, Miami Beach, and other neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include rehearsals, concerts, workshops, and free community events. Participants will explore standard and experimental forms of choral music and benefit from developing musicianship, vocal technique, discipline, and artistry.

Grant #18 : Miami Dance Project, Inc

8619 S Dixie Highway
Pinecrest, Florida 33156

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Dance Project's scholarship program for 250 students ages 5-18 at the main office and four outreach sites in south Miami-Dade. Program activities will include ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, modern dance, and yoga. Participants will engage in dance performance and benefit from improved dance technique and dance history knowledge, literacy skills, and social and emotional development.

Grant #19 : Miami Momentum Dance Company, Inc.

PO Box 331973
Miami, Florida 33233

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support 2021-22 program activities for 8,708 students ages 6-18 at Perrine Elementary, Rainbow Park Elementary, Zelda Glazer Middle School, Southwest High School, and Ferguson High School. Participants will engage in dance classes and performances, benefiting from physical fitness, cultural awareness, teamwork, and performance skills.

Grant #20 : Miami Music Festival, Inc.

16420 SW 91st Avenue
Miami, Florida 33157

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Festival for 300 students ages 14 and up at multiple venues in Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include over 75 performances, masterclasses, private lessons, fully staged productions, recital events, and pop-up public concerts. Participants will engage in vocal and instrumental instruction and benefit in their overall artistic level, foreign languages, future career development and performance experience in a professional environment.

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Grant #21 : Miami Music Project, Inc.

2000 S. Dixie Hwy, Suite 100B
Miami, Florida 33133

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Music Project (MMP) serving 850 students ages 6-18 at MMP's community-based chapters in Liberty City, Little Haiti, Little Havana, Miami Gardens, Miami Springs, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include classical music instruction culminating in many performances. Students will engage in music and benefit from improvement in skills key to positive development, improving academic performance, community engagement, and future prospects.

Grant #22 : Miami Stage Company/Miami Children's Theater Inc.

11155 SW 112 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support season program activities for 750 students ages 5-19 at the Alper JCC in Kendall and Miami Theater Center in Miami Shores. Program activities will include singing, dancing, acting and technical theater skills. Participants will engage in all forms of dramatic and musical theater and benefit from expert faculty's lessons in both the artistic and technical theater realms.

Grant #23 : Miami Theater Center Inc.

9806 NE 2nd Ave
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Theater Center's (MTC) season programming for students in grades K-12 at Miami Theater Center located in Miami Shores. Program activities will include a diverse range of artists across multiple disciplines, including music, theatre, dance, and visual arts. In addition, MTC will continue to collaborate with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Cultural Passport Program to provide virtual content to their students.

Grant #24 : Miami Youth Ballet Inc.

9210 SW 158 LANE
Miami, Florida 33157

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Miami Youth Ballet's season for 150 students ages 8-18 from the areas of Cutler Bay, Homestead, Goulds, West Kendall, and Palmetto Bay. Programs include The Nutcracker, Carnival of the Animals, Dance Past Present and Future and Dance Creative workshop and free masterclasses, all at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay. Participants will receive expert coaching/training, performance opportunities, participation in the creative process, and guidance towards professionalism in dance.

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Grant #25 : Musicall, Inc.

6701 SW 80 ST
Miami, Florida 33143

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support music classes, theory/piano lab, orchestras, ensembles, and enrichment classes for 800 students ages 2-18 at multiple locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes, rehearsals, performances, and summer programs. Participants will engage in music programs, concerts, and workshops and benefit by refining their music knowledge and instrumental skills and deriving evidence-based improvements both socially and academically.

Grant #26 : National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.

2100 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support YoungArts programs for 3,500 students ages 15-18 at the YoungArts Campus in Miami and other venues across Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include classes with acclaimed artists, performances, exhibitions, and general outreach programs. Participants will engage in programs for the visual, literary, and performing arts and will benefit from creative and professional development from renowned artists.

Grant #27 : PATH: Preserving, Archiving & Teaching Hiphop, Inc.

10917 NW 12 Court
Miami, Florida 33167

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support PATH to Hip Hop for 600 students ages 13-18 at Miami-Dade libraries, Little Haiti Cultural Center, Juvenile Justice Center, Miami Bridge, Tru Prep Academy, and the Museum of Graffiti, located in Downtown, Homestead, Little Haiti, Allapattah, Pinewood, Wynwood and Miami Gardens. Program activities include workshops, performances, and arts literacy. Participants will engage in visual, performing, and digital arts, and benefit from creative, personal and professional development.

Grant #28 : South Florida Center for Percussive Arts, Inc.

12770 SW 125th Ave #101
Miami, Florida 33186

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support South Florida Center for Percussive Arts' (SFCPA) youth programs for children ages 18 months – 18 years at the SFCPA in West Kendall. Program activities will include music instruction, rehearsals, workshops, and performances. Participants will engage in learning, playing, and enjoying music through the use of the percussion family and benefit from the consistency, concentration, and teamwork required to make, perform, and experience music together.

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Grant #29 : South Florida Youth Symphony, Inc.

12645 SW 114 AVE
Miami, Florida 33176

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support the South Florida Youth Symphony for 200 students ages 3-23 at the Pawley Creative Arts Center of Miami Dade College, North Campus in North Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include music classes for beginners to advanced students, and community concerts showcasing the youth talent. Participants will engage in weekly classes and rehearsals, benefiting from working with skilled musicians as teachers, conductors, and mentors.

Grant #30 : The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.

14401 Old Cutler Road
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33158

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support choral music education for 125 students ages birth-18 at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church in Palmetto Bay and Branches, Inc. in Florida City and South Miami. Program activities will include weekly rehearsals, four major concerts, and participation in community events throughout Miami and beyond. Participants will engage in choral performances and benefit from increased musicianship skills and personal growth.

Grant #31 : The Motivational Edge, Inc.

2103 Coral Way FL-2
Miami, Florida 33145

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support transformative arts-based youth development for 3,000+ youth and young adults ages 6-23 at venues throughout Miami-Dade County. Program activities will include various multidisciplinary cultural arts experiences. Participants will engage in culturally relevant arts programming and showcasing opportunities that intertwine mentoring, life-skill development, social emotional Learning, and job readiness development within the curricula.

Grant #32 : The Roxy Theatre Group, Inc.

7900 SW 34 St.
Miami, Florida 33155

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support The Roxy Theatre Group for 120 students ages 8-23 at the ROXY in West Kendall, and at FIU's Theatre in West Miami-Dade. Program activities will include musicals, a winter and summer recital, and student showcases. Participants will engage in classes and workshops in ballet, tap, contemporary, hip hop, acrobatics, acting, musical theatre, improvisation, and singing, and benefit from technique in their respective disciplines and social skills.

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Grant #33 : Young Musicians Unite, Inc.

1260 NW 29th street Suite 103
Miami, Florida 33142

Award: *Grant Amount
to be calculated based on
YAM funding formula*

Funds are requested to support Young Musicians Unite's programs for 3,000 students ages 9-18 at Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Carol City Middle School, Booker T High School, Fienberg Fisher K-8, and more in Wynwood, Carol City, Opa-Locka, West Little River, and Miami Beach. Program activities will include in-school and after-school music education, performances, and vocational arts activities. Participants will engage in youth development through music education and benefit from the positive effects of learning an instrument.
