

EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES FOR CATEGORY CI 2024-2025 GRANT AWARDS

Aequalis, Inc. dba The Core Ensemble

Our program, Music Theatre for a Diverse Community, will be divided into 5 residency periods: 1) October programs celebrating Hispanic Heritage, 2) January programs the week of the MLK Jr. Holiday, 3) February, "28 Days of Anti-Racism" programs, 4) March, Women's History Month programs, and 5) June, LGBT Pride month. Approximately 80% of the funds will be spent on artist fees; the balance will be allocated to travel and supplies.

Amount Awarded: \$25,297

Arts4All Florida, Inc.

Contemporary Dance Residencies – 8-10-week Dance Res. w/ Palm Beach Gardens H.S. ASD students (12). One-and-a-half-week Drama Res. at Indian Pines & D. D. Eisenhower Elem. and Workshops at Palm Springs & Jupiter M.S. & John I. Leonard & Jupiter H.S. for DHH students (113) & 2 hour Showcase @ Duncan Theatre (60) provide performing arts programs to (185) people with disabilities.

Amount Awarded: \$24,493

Azul Fashion, Art, & Design

The generous funding provided by the CI grant will support our ActiveArt program, which includes a monthly field trip to local art venues followed by lunch featuring cultural cuisine. ActiveArt's inclusive, artistic field trips offer creatives (adults with developmental disabilities) a valuable opportunity to explore different art mediums, opening doors for learning possibilities while interacting with the community and professional artists.

Amount Awarded: \$11,971

BAM Festival Inc.

BAM Festival is a children's literacy celebration run by educators and volunteers that hosts authors, illustrators, and the stories they create for children & teens. With this grant we will be able to cover travel expenses and supplies for our 25 award winning authors.

Amount Awarded: \$8,879

Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, Inc.

The Benzaiten Center's Taste of Glass Program will work with local nonprofit organizations, schools, summer camps, city/county parks and recreation departments to offer free glass art classes to 800 children, teens, and adult family members. These four unique classes include: Sandcasting, Glassblowing, Flame-working, and Fusing classes for children ages 8 - 18 and adults. The grant money will be spent for glass supplies and paying professional artists to teach.

Amount Awarded: \$24,493

Boynton Cultural Centre, Inc. dba Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center

Culture and Kids includes Family Fun Day in January, 2025 and 2024-2025 music, dance and arts classes at the Schoolhouse Museum. Variety in the cultural programming offered by the Museum leads to greater awareness of the range of opportunities within our community's culture, encouraging local children and their families to seek out what they most enjoy. Multiple options enable children to find their favorites and see themselves as knowledgeable, members of the arts and culture community.

Amount Awarded: \$25,297

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc.

The Caribbean American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) will be having two grant-funded programs in 2025. They are Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on January 20, 2025, and Cultural Diversity Day on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in Royal Palm Beach. The funds from the grant will be used to help support these programs covering the cost of items such as performers, advertisements, guest speakers, flyers and programs.

Amount Awarded: \$7,926

Delray Beach Arts, Inc.

Serving a diverse demographic of individuals who share a love for garlic, music, and art, the South Florida Garlic Fest provides the local community with a multi-cultural, family friendly festival while showcasing live entertainment and a diverse offering of visual artists in a variety of interactive exhibits. Our grant request each year always goes towards the cost of the professional, mobile weatherproof stage, concert sound and lighting. This stage is required to be capable of holding intricate lighting rigs, has incredibly strong sound wing extensions, is high wind resistant, large load bearing capable, and weatherproof to protect artists and their equipment from Florida showers and sun. The upgraded stage enhances the entertainment quality of music for both attendees and artists.

Amount Awarded: \$25,029

Delray Beach Chorale dba Schola Cantorum of Florida

It is the hope of Schola Cantorum of Florida to develop its audience through expanded involvement in its community, namely collaborative performances, so that its mission statement is accomplished. This season will continue the strive to present inspiring performances to raise awareness of the art of choral singing and enhance the education of such. It will continue its earnest efforts to promote concerts and impact numerous communities in Palm Beach County; from the elderly to school-age children. Ultimately, SCOF's desire is that every piece performed speaks to its listeners in ways that elicit thoughtful and reflective personal insight to profoundly enrich every participant. We are so grateful for this generous grant. We continue to work as a Board and organization to keep music alive in our community. This coming season we are able to do this with the help of this grant.

Amount Awarded: \$7,896

Fiesta de Pueblo, Inc.

These funds will be used to pay our groups cultural leaders for preparing the children to perform at Fiesta De Pueblo on January 11th, 2025. Also, to pay for marketing and advertising including radio, TV, newspaper, videographer, photographer, DJ's, social media, program coordinator and venue space rental fees.

Amount Awarded: \$16,924

Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation

The Day of the Dead celebration on November 2 will feature traditional foods, folkloric dances, traditional ofrendas, a procession, cultural arts and crafts and children's activities. Admission and parking to the festival and exhibition are free. Grant dollars provided by the Cultural Council for PBC will be used for entertainment and artistic and technical services. Come and enjoy!

Amount Awarded: \$8,224

Milagro Foundation, Inc. dba Milagro Center

That Milagro Show performance event will provide a platform for our underserved K-12th grade students and staff to display their artistic, vocal, dance, spoken word, and musical talents. It is scheduled Thursday, February 6th at the Lake Worth Playhouse. Grant funds will be allocated to contract artists who will assist with the program design and development, rehearsals and performance, lighting and sound, event promotion, and venue preparation; theatre rental, and transportation costs.

Amount Awarded: \$24,672

The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Inc.

The Shakespeare by the Sea and Shakespeare by the Palms professional productions are offered free admissions to the residents and visitors in PBC. Holding the Shakespeare by the Sea plays during the summer offsets the lack of professional theater during off-season, and targets year-round residents. The free admission and casual, outdoor setting ensure accessibility to all, regardless of socioeconomic status. Grant funds will be used to compensate the 30+ outside professional artists.

Amount Awarded: \$17,640

Philippine American Society Inc.

The Philippine Summer Cultural Festival is an annual event that showcases our Philippine history and cultural heritage through songs, dances, costumes, authentic cuisines and cultural traditions. This financial grant is a huge help in expanding our cultural activities through promotion, support our newly formed cultural dance troupe and engagement with other cultural groups within our community and in the state of Florida at large.

Amount Awarded: \$8,015

Resource Depot Inc.

Grant funding will support Resource Depot's GalleRE program, promoting resource conservation and repurposing through art. In 2024-2025, the program will feature 1 solo exhibition, 1 Catwalk Student Fashion Program, 2 group exhibitions, and a devised theatre performance. We will also engage the community with 11 GalleRE workshops, expanded virtual content, and 500 stARTer kits distributed for free to underserved youth, serving 11,915 people and showcasing 82 artists across various mediums. September 2023.

Amount Awarded: \$26,549

Shakespeare Troupe Inc.

The partnership of Shakespeare Troupe and Reel Theatre Production will introduce Shakespeare to underserved audiences in a digital format, providing the county with a culturally enriching, unique form of educative performance.

We aim to engage audiences in an immersive way that will transcend text book learning. Grant dollars will be appropriated for Acting talents, a Stage Manager and a Production Manager.

Amount Awarded: \$8,373

The Choral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

Our December with the "Holidays Around the World" theme, draws from multicultural musical traditions intended to appeal to current PBC demographics. Choral arrangements will be sung in French, Hebrew, Spanish, German as well as Latin. The Spring concert, intended to be a "Women in History" Month theme, featuring woman composers or performers. Grant dollars, from the Cultural Council, are used to hire local musicians for our concerts and toward professional salaries.

Amount Awarded: \$8,343

The Elevar Foundation

Funding will help support "Elevate 360," the Elevar Foundation's newly named outreach program that sends world class musicians to perform free concerts at memory care centers, hospitals, a center for visually impaired, and a special needs camp. Elevate 360 distributes free musical instruments to children in need and sends musicians to give free master classes to aspiring young musicians. Bringing music into the lives of those with the least access, Elevate 360 makes an impact in the community.

Amount Awarded: \$17,461

The Friends of Sandoway House Nature Center, Inc dba Sandoway Discovery Center

This grant would provide funding for Sandoway's Junior Naturalist Program, a STEM based science education program that teaches PB County students (with a focus on Title 1 students) and visitors the importance of coastal conservation using live animal encounters, artifacts, and educational equipment through field trips and public programming. Grant funding will support teacher salaries, educational shark or alligator tooth necklace craft and advertising for our program.

Amount Awarded: \$23,510

The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

The grant dollars will be used to pay the orchestra for our Handel "Messiah" and Brahm's "A German Requiem" performance.

Amount Awarded: \$8,313

The Taras Oceanographic Foundation, Inc.

The Ocean of Notes Concert Series is a unique cultural event, promoting music, musicians, and their craft, while also educating the audience about the importance of dolphin and ocean conservation. The concerts have proven to provide memorable experiences for people across all income levels, while also advancing changes in attitudes. The Ocean of Notes Concerts are unique 3-hour cultural events, promoting music, musicians and their craft, while educating the audience about the importance of dolphin & ocean conservation. The performers are recording artists representing various musical genres. For more than 10 yrs., this unique combination has proven to provide

memorable experiences for people across all income levels, while also advancing changes in attitudes. Grant dollars will be used to cover artist fees and venue rental.

Amount Awarded: \$7,926

Veterans Memorial & Multicultural Histories, Inc.

This project will document and preserve approximately 20 oral histories of US war veterans' experiences before, during and after their military service. Middle school through high school students at Riviera Beach Preparatory Achievement Academy's, Extra Curricular Activities Program will be learning about military history and filmmaking by conducting oral histories of veterans. Students will develop skills in technology, multimedia, and filmmaking.

Amount Awarded: \$7,371

West Third Street Dance Corp. dba Debra Weiss Dance Company

The grant will be used to fund Broadway Dance (BD), a free afterschool and summer program of the Debra Weiss Dance Company for at-risk low-income youth aged 9-14 from Boca Raton. BD will present "Dances for Martin Luther King Day" January 16, 2024, in the Pearl City Garden and youth center, and January 20, 2024, at Boca Raton's MLK JR Celebration. On June 19, 2024, BD students will dance at Pearl City Juneteenth Celebration at Hughes Park and in the Pearl City Garden.

Amount Awarded: \$8,224

Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County (YOPBC) is founded on the belief that "Music Changes Lives." Youth, ages 6-22, from diverse backgrounds, benefit from YOPBC's in-person school-year afternoon music program and summer program that includes instruction, rehearsal time, and the joy of performing live. Studying and playing music helps youngsters gain self-esteem, improve academic performance, and build interpersonal skills. C1 funding will be used to cover some of the 2024-25 operating costs of Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County (YOPBC.) Dedicated to changing lives through orchestral music, YOPBC provides young people up to age 22, with weekly music instruction, orchestra rehearsal time, and performing opportunities during the academic year. YOPBC also provides young people of all abilities with a two-week summer music camp experience. No child is turned away from YOPBC because of the inability to pay tuition.

Amount Awarded: \$16,924