

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES FOR CATEGORY CI 2023-2024 GRANT AWARDS**

### **Aequalis, Inc. dba The Core Ensemble**

The Core Ensemble will produce a series of programs engaging youth and adults in cultural and educational activities, performances, and community activities. "Music Theatre for a Diverse Community" is divided into five segments: 1) October - Hispanic Heritage Month, 2) November - Native American Heritage Month, 3) January - the week of the MLK Jr. Holiday, 4) February - Black History Month and 5) March - Women's History Month. All grant funds will be allocated to artist fees.

Amount Awarded: \$15,796

### **Arts4All Florida, Inc.**

Eight-26-week dance residencies with Forest Hill Elementary, Connections Education Center of Palm Beach, Lake Worth Middle and Palm Beach Gardens High School ASD students (149). One-week drama residency at Indian Pines Elementary and Workshops at Palm Springs Middle School & John I. Leonard High School for Deaf HH students (60). Two-hour showcase at Duncan Theatre (60), providing performing arts programs to (269) people with disabilities.

Amount Awarded: \$15,578

### **BAM Festival Inc.**

BAM Festival is a children's literacy celebration run by educators & volunteers that hosts authors, illustrators, and the stories they create for young people. The B, A, & M stands for Books, Art, & Music. We bring 20-50 authors & artists to Palm Beach County to provide a free event inspiring learning, literacy, & the arts.

Amount Awarded: \$5,374

### **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 children, teens, and adult family members. Benzaiten will offer four unique classes for children, teens, and families: Sandcasting, Glassblowing, Flame-working, and Fusing classes for children ages 8 - 18 and adults. The grant money will be spent for glass and paying professional artists to teach.

Amount Awarded: \$15,632

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

The primary focus of this project is Museum Family Fun Day, scheduled for January 27, 2024. The event will provide an opportunity for families with young children to observe, and participate in, a wide range of cultural experiences, including stage performances, music and dance workshops, arts & crafts, visits from real and fictional characters and other exciting outdoor activities. Afterward, the project will support summer 2024 music and dance classes at the Museum.

Amount Awarded: \$15,523

## **Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida Inc.**

CAFCI will have two programs which will be free of cost and open to the general population. Our first program, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration will take place at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center on January 15, 2024, and Cultural Diversity Day will be on a Saturday in May of the same year, at Veterans Park, also in Royal Palm Beach. The grant funds will be used to help pay artists, and to cover the cost of things such as flyers, programs, and advertising.

Amount Awarded: \$5,156

## **Dance Theater of Florida, Inc.**

Dance Theater of Florida will be performing an abridged version of the Nutcracker as an outreach program for Elementary Schools. We have offered free tickets and as an official field trip provider for Palm Beach County Schools; the school covers bus costs. The grant money received from the Cultural Council will be used to cover the cost of Theater rental and Outside Artistic services. We are bringing in two new guest artists.

Amount Awarded: \$10,349

## **Delray Beach Arts, Inc.**

Grant funds will offset the cost of new space rental for the program, concert sound & lighting required to accommodate national act performers, while enhancing the experience for attendees. This internationally acclaimed event focuses on innovative & fun attractions, mouth-watering garlic-infused dishes, multi-cultural live music, art, and garlic-laced culinary offerings. 2024 celebrates a quarter of a century of deliciousness and indulgence in all the garlicy goodness you can handle.

Amount Awarded: \$15,850

## **Delray Beach Chorale dba Schola Cantorum of Florida**

Grant dollars will be spent for artistic services for concerts during the 2023-2024 season. This is vital assistance for the continuation of Schola as we continue to push forward post Covid pandemic, while rebuilding our choir and audience members. We are so grateful for the opportunity to continue sharing the arts with your name, the community, students, youth, emerging young professionals, and professional musicians in the Tri-County area. We will continue to honor our mission and vision with acceptance of this generous grant.

Amount Awarded: \$5,229

## **Digital VibeZ, Inc.**

KidsFit Jamathon®, an innovative, interactive, fun event promotes wellness and fitness for youth through music and dance. Hosted by Digital VibeZ, Inc., the Jamathon® features a professional concert-like atmosphere with live performances, prizes, and a dance contest. There is a Kidz Zone full of Interactive games, obstacle courses, bounce houses, and healthy snacks. Jamathon aims to inspire kids to adopt a healthy lifestyle. The grant funding will be used for our 13th Annual KidsFit Jamathon®.

Amount Awarded: \$15,414

## **Elevar Foundation**

Elevar Foundation's Community Engagement Program will bring high-quality performances, masterclasses, and lessons to low-income, Title One schoolchildren, their families, and elderly Palm Beach County residents who may otherwise not have this opportunity. Grant dollars will help cover marketing, stipends, and travel allowances for Elmar Oliveira International Violin Competition (EOIVC) winners and their pianists who will perform and instruct at schools, senior care, and residential facilities.

Amount Awarded: \$10,095

## **Fiesta de Pueblo, Inc.**

Grant funds will be used to pay the leaders of the cultural groups for their children's cultural performances to be presented at Fiesta De Pueblo on January 6, 2024. This will also cover part of the venue rental and marketing expenses such as flyers, banners, social media ads and radio ads.

Amount Awarded: \$4,811

### **Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation**

The festival has hired several graphic, theatrical, and dance artists that will be performing at this year's 7th annual Dia De Los Muertos festival. This year's grant funds will be spent directly on artists.

Amount Awarded: \$4,975

### **Milagro Foundation, Inc. dba Milagro Center**

Milagro Center's Goodstock featuring the Showcase performance event provides a platform for our students and staff to display their artistic and musical talents while bringing a high-quality cultural arts event to the heart of the most underserved community in southern Palm Beach County. Grant funds will be used to hire a professional photographer, videographer, lighting technician, and contract staff to market and promote the event, conduct installation and venue preparation.

Amount Awarded: \$15,687

### **Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc.**

100 string students with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds will attend Nat King Cole Generation Hope Summer Strings at Lynn University. Students receive instruction from Lynn University music mentors and PBC School District orchestra directors. The 2-week intensive camp culminates with a free community concert, hosting 300+ guests annually. Cultural Council for Palm Beach County funding supports music educators and mentors who provide access to quality music education for children in need.

Amount Awarded: \$14,597

### **Resource Depot Inc.**

The GalleRE at Resource Depot supports and exhibits regional artists that incorporate the reuse of materials into various art forms, elevating creative reuse/upcycling as a relevant art medium while promoting behavior change towards sustainability. Through educational programming, stARter project kits, workshops, tours, and talks, The GalleRE serves as a teaching tool to encourage our community to conserve resources while promoting new ways to experience the intersection of art and environment.

Amount Awarded: \$15,850

### **Sea Turtle Adventures, Inc.**

Sea Turtle Adventures iCare Program provides programs to adults with autism and related intellectual development disabilities in Palm Beach County. This grant will allow our iCare Program members to enjoy 20 cultural performances throughout the County. By providing

these opportunities, our goal is to decrease emotional and social isolation and increase joy and happiness, build new friendships, and enhance cultural awareness.

Amount Awarded: \$13,072

### **Shakespeare Troupe Inc.,**

Grant funds will be directed at a group of paid student internships. Training will be free to these interns with supplemental sponsorships. Once trained, the interns will be active participants in the production of "Hamlet" either as backstage personnel or understudies involved in rehearsals with performance experience.

Amount Awarded: \$4,811

### **The Choral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.**

The CSPB will perform a minimum of two concerts (2 consecutive nights each), including a holiday themed concert in December and a Spring "Great American Songbook" themed concert in March. We intend to perform a third shorter concert at another location during the summer. Grant funds will be used to defray the expenses of hiring professional local musicians, orchestra in December and soloists in the Spring, as well as the Artistic Director & Accompanist salaries.

Amount Awarded: \$4,775

### **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: \$15,578

### **The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches, Inc.**

The grant award will be used to subsidize the cost of the orchestra for our Handel "Messiah" concert.

Amount Awarded: \$5,102

### **The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Inc.**

The Shakespeare by the Sea/Shakespeare by the Palms production of KING LEAR will be presented, free of charge to all residents and visitors for three weeks in two locations in Palm Beach County. The outdoor performances offer all ages a chance to sit under the stars and watch a professional production of Shakespeare's classic tragedy in a relaxed environment. Grant funds will be used to offset the cost of artistic fees for the professional Directors and Technicians producing the event.

Amount Awarded: \$5,211

### **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. This program has a successful track record of more than a decade. The grant dollars will be used to cover artist fees, venue rental, and travel related costs.

Amount Awarded: \$5,138

### **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 11, 2024, in the Pearl City Garden and youth center, and January 15, 2024, at Boca Raton's MLK JR Celebration at Mizner Park. On June 19, 2024, BD students will dance at Pearl City Juneteenth Celebration at Hughes Park and in the Garden.

Amount Awarded: \$5,193

### **Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County, Inc.**

Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County (YOPBC) has earmarked this grant award to help offset some of its operating costs. The 2023-24 season will mark YOPBC's 30th anniversary of serving the community through its acclaimed music education and performance program for young people. This upcoming season will include 20+ Sunday rehearsals, plus performances throughout the academic year including our 2nd Side-by-Side Concert with members of The Symphonia. YOPBC summer camp will be held in July 2024.

Amount Awarded: \$10,204