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Cultural Arts Council FY 20/21 Grant Applications Are Now Open

— *First Deadline is January 24, 2020*—

Miami Beach, FL – The Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council grants for FY 20/21 have opened and are accepting Letters of Determination. Originally created in 1998, the grant program is an essential component of the Cultural Arts Council whose mission is to develop, coordinate and promote the arts in the Miami Beach community.

“Since the program's inception, the City Commission and Cultural Arts Council have awarded approximately \$18 million in cultural arts grants — supporting thousands of performances, exhibits and other cultural activities in Miami Beach,” said City Manager Jimmy L. Morales.

The Cultural Arts Council distributes \$850,000 annually to nearly 50 nonprofits, 501 (c) 3 cultural organizations and cultural departments within institutions of higher learning (colleges or universities) with tax-exempt status under other subsections of 501 (c) 3 wishing to present or produce cultural and artistic events within the City of Miami Beach.

The Cultural Arts Grant Program has two separate application phases: (1) Intent to Apply (Pre-Application) and (2) FY 20/21 Full Application for Cultural Anchors and Cultural Presenters. Intent to Apply (Pre-Applications) were opened on Monday, January 6 and will remain open until Friday January 24, 2020 at

<https://miamibeachfl.gosmart.org/>. Interested applicants are required to provide the following documentation:

1. Organization's 501 (c)(3) letter of determination (dated within the past two years).
2. IRS Form 990 reflecting your organization's budget for the prior year
3. Current Board Membership for FY 20/21 (with contact information for each member)
4. Current Staff List (with brief biographies for each staff member)
5. Organizational Chart for FY 20/21

Should the pre-application meet the above requirements, the organization will be invited to submit a full grant application. Full grant applications must be completed by Friday, February 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. Each grant applicant must follow an extensive multi-level public review process. This includes a general orientation for all new applicants and/or

new consultations with Cultural Affairs staff for returning applicants, if necessary. Applicants must meet all application requirements, including deadlines, or the application will be disqualified. A mandatory dollar for dollar (\$1 to \$1) match is applicable to all grant programs. Grant applicants must demonstrate this match through cash, other matching grants and/or in-kind contributions

Organizations applying through a "fiscal agent" are not eligible. Organizations which received funding during the prior year but did not comply with the Grant Agreement and/or other requirements of the Cultural Arts Grant Program are ineligible to apply for FY 20/21 grant funding. Additionally, organizations which received funding from the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority (VCA) during the same fiscal year are not eligible to apply.

Additional information and full program details can be found at <http://www.mbartandculture.org/grants/#About>.

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