



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 1, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission approving Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Cultural Grant recipients and setting in place a funding mechanism contingent on the City's approved budget. (Unanimously recommended by the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

BRIEF HISTORY:

One of the responsibilities of the city's Cultural Development Board is to recommend the annual allocation of cultural grant funding to the City Commission.

On March 11, 2025, the City Commission approved updates to the city's Cultural Grant guidelines and process, including the addition of a Youth Arts Program category with dedicated funding of \$50,000 in addition to maintaining the previous year's funding of \$228,228 for Coral Gables Core Cultural Organizations and Cultural Programs.

On May 29, 2025, the Cultural Development Board reviewed and scored 52 applications for the allocation of City of Coral Gables Cultural Grants funding in all categories, with one application required by the Coral Gables Museum, funded separately.

Proposed funding of the 51 applicants and all scores (including the Coral Gables Museum) are included on Exhibit A attached to the proposed Resolution.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
May 29, 2025	Cultural Development Board	Recommended Approval

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$278,228	001-1330-573-8200	General Fund
Total:	\$278,228		

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated total expenditures by grantee organizations and audiences as submitted through the grant application process: \$19,517,445

Estimated local government revenue as determined by the Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity calculator: \$997,608

BUSINESS IMPACT:

- Promotion of the city through its Cultural Grant Program.
- Free and ticketed cultural programs for residents and visitors demonstrating a broad range of arts disciplines tailored to diverse demographics.
- Significant increase in visitors and residents for programs offered throughout Coral Gables resulting in additional support of restaurants, parking, shopping, and more.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Draft Resolution**
2. **Exhibit A**
3. **Excerpt Minutes from the Cultural Development Board meeting of May 29, 2025**