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City of Coral Gables

Catherine Cathers, City of Coral Gables Arts and Culture Coordinator, Grant Administrator

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Coral Gables, FL 33134

Subject: Project Change Request – Grant Amendment for “Soirée des Arts: Mediterranean Edition”

Dear Catherine,

I am writing on behalf of Les Ailes Du Desir Foundation to formally request a project change and grant amendment for the approved grant supporting the cultural event “Soirée des Arts: Mediterranean Edition”, in accordance with Article II, Condition 2 of the Coral Gables Grant Agreement.

Requested Changes:

1. Change in Project Timeline / Event Date

Requested new date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

2. Reduction in Number of Performances

Requested new scope: One (1) performance

3. Budget Adjustment

The original grant request was for \$10,000. We have been awarded \$5,000.

Due to the reduced funding, we are adjusting the project scope downward while still delivering a high-quality cultural event that meets the original goals of the grant.

Justification for the Requested Changes:

The awarded grant amount of \$5,000 is exactly half of the \$10,000 originally requested. After careful review of the project budget, we determined that the only feasible way to successfully execute the event with reduced funding is to reduce the number of performances from two to one.

The primary fixed cost for the project is the venue rental at the Sanctuary of the Arts, which totals \$4,115. This leaves a very limited amount for production, artist fees, marketing, and other essential expenses when planning for two shows. Consolidating into a single performance on June 2, 2026 will allow us to:

- Cover the full venue rental cost without shortfall
- Maintain appropriate compensation for artists and production staff
- Deliver a complete and professionally produced Mediterranean-themed arts soirée
- Still serve the Coral Gables community with meaningful cultural experience as intended by the grant

This adjustment ensures the project remains financially viable and sustainable while preserving the artistic integrity and public benefit of the event. No other significant changes to the project description, programming, or target audience are proposed.

The date shift from the original schedule to June 2, 2026, was required to avoid conflict with our intensive preparation for the annual Student Showcase on January 25, 2026, and subsequent rehearsals and travel for the Viva Fest International competition with our youth students.

We respectfully request approval of this Project Change Request.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the arts in Coral Gables!

Sincerely,  
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