



City of Coral Gables  
 CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
 July 7, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:**

A Resolution of the City Commission approving Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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: 7 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 May 14, 2026, the Cultural Development Board reviewed and scored 53 applications for the allocation of City of Coral Gables Cultural Grants funding in all categories, with one of the applications required by the Coral Gables Museum, which is funded separately.

Of the 52 remaining applications, 5 did not meet the 80-point threshold established to recommend funding and 2 were disqualified for not submitting required documents.

Proposed funding of the eligible 45 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 14, 2026	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: \$20,449,109  
 Estimated local government revenue as determined by the Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity calculator: \$813,097

**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 14, 2026**