



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 CYCLE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,350.00 TO AMERIPLUS COMMUNITY SERVICES CORP.; \$2,450.00 TO DORAL CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM INC.; \$3,150.00 TO DUE TO ARTS INC.; \$3,750.00 TO EVERLASTING DANCE FOUNDATION; \$3,750.00 TO MIAMI DYNASTY; \$4,300.00 TO PASION POR LA PESCA; AND \$4,250.00 TO SVC FOUNDATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Doral has concluded a Community Based Organization (“CBO”) Grant Program cycle for the current fiscal year. The CBO Grant Program is a competitive funding mechanism that provides an equitable and efficient process for consideration of funding requests from community non-profit organizations, establishing requirements and procedures for greater accountability in the expenditure of the funds. The CBO Grant Program’s goal is to provide Doral community-based organizations with opportunities to plan, develop and implement community projects that will serve the needs of the Doral community. The Doral City Council budgeted \$25,000 for that purpose (Grants & Aids Account/Local Non-Profit Grants) in the current fiscal year.

Prior to 2017, Doral-based non-profit organizations often requested unfunded support from the City of Doral directly from the Mayor and Council during City Council meetings. During the City of Doral’s budgeting process for 2017 fiscal year, it was determined that the existing process to vet and fund the proposed programs warranted a more equitable and accountable approach. In keeping with the strategic goal of increasing organizational efficiency, it was determined that the City of Doral would reestablish the previously used Community Based Organization (CBO) Grant Program which provided non-profit organizations with the opportunity to submit their program/service proposals for consideration to the administration. The City Manager’s office revamped the CBO Grant Program as a formal reimbursement grant that instituted grant categories and reporting requirements to ensure an equitable process for awarding grant funds to local organizations providing benefits to the community. The City

Manager's office appointed the Economic Development Division to administer the annual grant process.

The current CBO Grant cycle commenced on February 3rd, 2025 with a submittal deadline of March 6th, 2025. Applications were submitted through an online application portal designed to streamline the application process. Thirteen (13) applications were received and reviewed to ensure compliance and completeness. Ten (10) of the thirteen (13) applications were deemed eligible and scored. Three (3) applicants did not meet grant requirements.

An Evaluation Committee consisting of three (3) City of Doral staff members from Code Compliance, Parks and Recreation and the Planning and Zoning Department scored the eligible applications based on the following established criteria: Need (maximum 30 points), Project/Program Narrative (maximum 45 points), Metrics (maximum 20 points) and Project Cost/Request (maximum 5 points). Each applicant was scored and ranked based on the average score of all three members of the Evaluation Committee. The average score is used to calculate a percentage of the maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00. For example, an applicant with an average score of 50 will receive 50 percent of \$5,000.00, or \$2,500.00.

The ten (10) eligible applicants are Ameriplus Community Services Corp., Doral Contemporary Art Museum, Due To Arts Inc., Educacion For All, Everlasting Dance Foundation, Memory OK Corp., Miami Dynasty, Pasion Por La Pesca, Power2Voice Corp., and SVC Foundation. Funding was recommended based on ranking, from highest to lowest score, until the total budgeted funding amount of \$25,000.00 was allocated.

The CBO Grant Evaluation Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve CBO Grant awards to the following seven (7) highest-ranked organizations, to be provided upon satisfactory completion of the approved program and following submittal of valid reimbursement reports.

01-2025: Ameriplus Community Services Corp. provides training to individuals with low and no income to help them develop new skills that can help them in the job market. Recommended Award: \$3,350.00.

02-2025: The Doral Contemporary Art Museum, whose mission is to propel knowledge and appreciation of art representative of Doral's diverse community, seeks support for the presentation of the ninth "Women of Vision" art exhibition in March 2026 to showcase the diversity and talent of women artists in the community. Recommended Award: \$2,450.00

03-2025: Due To Arts Inc. aims to showcase the talents of talented young people, including some who may have special needs or are very shy, through a live performance in front of an appreciative audience. Recommended Award: \$3,150.00

05-2025: Everlasting Dance Foundation intends to fund its Special 21 Program, which provides free dance classes to children with Down syndrome. Recommended Award: \$3,750.00

07-2025: Miami Dynasty, a youth basketball program affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) that helps to develop children ages 5-18 years old for recreational and competitive leagues, seeks to fund the costs of an additional 12 children beyond the 32 economically disadvantaged Doral children currently subsidized by the organization.

Recommended Award: \$3,750.00

08-2025: Pasion Por La Pesca seeks to promote sustainable and recreational fishing in Doral through an event at Doral Glades Park which would teach children and young people fishing techniques and strengthen the community's connection with nature.

Recommended Award: \$4,300.00

10-2025: SVC Foundation Corp. seeks a grant to upgrade equipment needed to support food distribution to recent immigrants.

Recommended Award: \$4,250.00

The CBO Grant Program is a competitive funding mechanism that prioritizes funding for the highest ranked proposals until the budgeted funds are depleted. Due to the high number of eligible applications, the applicants Educacion For All, Memory OK and Power2Voice were unable to be recommended for grant funding based on the Evaluation Committee's ranking. The CBO Grant 2025 Evaluation Committee Report is included as Exhibit A.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (IF APPLICABLE)

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
I.	\$25,000.00	001.50005.500820	Grants & Aids
Total:	\$25,000.00		
Fiscal Impact Statement: The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures of \$25,000.00.			

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The City of Doral Strategic Plan lays out a vision of Doral as a premier city to live, work, learn and play. The mission statement is to serve our city by continuously enhancing quality of life through community engagement, exceptional service and accountability. The Community Based Organization (CBO) Grant Program's goal is to provide Doral's non-profit organizations with opportunities to implement projects that will enhance quality of life of Doral's residents through community engagement. The CBO Grant Program provides established requirements and procedures for greater accountability in the expenditure of the funds. In addition, the new online portal provides a more convenient application and reimbursement process, enhancing the customer experience for applicants and providing exceptional service to the community. The program aligns with each element of the mission statement outlined in the Strategic Plan: community engagement, accountability and exceptional service.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Exhibit A - CBO Grant 2025 Evaluation Report.
- B. Applications.
- C. Draft Resolution.