



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 2025-2026 SECOND CYCLE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF: FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,810.00) TO THE VILLAGE SOUTH INC.; FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,600.00) TO MIAMI DYNASTY BASKETBALL; FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$5,390.00) TO MULTICARE COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.; AND ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,200.00) TO DUE TO ARTS; 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 the first cycle of the Community Based Organization (“CBO”) Grant Program for the current fiscal year. The CBO Grant Program is a competitive grant that provides a fair and efficient process for consideration of funding requests from community non-profit organizations. The 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 \$50,000 for that purpose(Grants & Aids Account/Local Non-Profit Grants).

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.

To enhance equitable access and broaden community participation, the City Council approved revisions to take effect in the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The program now offers two application cycles per year and allows 50% of awarded funds to be disbursed upfront. The annual budget has been increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the maximum grant award per organization has been raised from \$5,000 to \$7,000, subject to the selection committee's discretion and available funds.

The second cycle of the CBO Grant commenced on May 4th, 2026, with a submittal deadline of June 4th, 2026. Applications were submitted through an online application portal designed to streamline the application process. Seven (7) applications were received and reviewed to ensure compliance and completeness and all of them were deemed eligible and scored.

An Evaluation Committee consisting of three (3) City of Doral staff members from the Code Compliance, Public Affairs and the Building Departments 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 \$7,000.00, or the amount that the organization is requesting. For example, an applicant with an average score of 50 will receive 50 percent of \$7,000.00, or \$3,500.00.

The seven (7) eligible applicants are Doral Symphony Orchestra, Due To Arts, Miami Dynasty Basketball, Multicare Community Services Inc., The New Theater Foundation, The Village South Inc. and Yola Guz Si Se Puede. Funding was recommended based on ranking, from highest to lowest score, until the total budgeted funding amount of \$18,000.00 was allocated.

The CBO Grant Evaluation Committee recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve CBO Grant awards to the following four (4) highest-ranked organizations, with 50% of the awarded funds disbursed upfront, with the remaining balance to be provided upon satisfactory completion of the approved program and following submittal of valid reimbursement reports.

The Village South, Inc. has provided behavioral health and crisis response services to South Florida families since 1978. Through the Mobile Response Team (MRT), TVS served 138 individuals in Doral during FY24-25, including 60 youth in crisis. The program is needed to provide rapid, trauma-informed behavioral health response, reduce law enforcement involvement, support safe ambulance transport, and connect families to appropriate mental health care.

Recommended Award: \$5,810.00

Miami Dynasty Basketball is a nonprofit 501c3 youth basketball program affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union established in 2016, based at Divine Savior Academy. The purpose of the Academy is to offer basketball training and develop Doral kids ages 5-18 years old for recreational and competitive leagues. After just one year, 96 boys and girls (ages 5- 18) participated in Dynasty (90% are Doral residents and/or attend Doral schools). As of May, of this year, they have 152 children actively participating.

Recommended Award: \$5,600.00

Multicare Community Services is committed to strengthening underserved communities by improving access to healthcare, nursing education, wellness programs, and family support services. Their program provides culturally responsive health services, medical assistance, wellness education, and support for nursing and healthcare students. Through outreach initiatives, food and clothing drives, screenings, and family support services, the program helps improve community wellness and supports vulnerable residents.

Recommended Award: \$5,390.00

Due To Arts is organizing their 6th Annual Talent Festival to showcase the talents of children and young adults before a live audience. Many students from schools throughout Doral will participate in this exciting event. Their festival will feature talented children, including participants with disabilities, and will celebrate different cultural and ethnic groups within our community. It provides an opportunity to promote the performing arts and encourage community involvement among the residents of Doral.

Recommended Award: \$1,200.00

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 number of eligible applications, Doral Symphony Orchestra, The New Theater Foundation and Yola Guz Si Se Puede were unable to be recommended for grant funding based on the Evaluation Committee's ranking. The CBO Grant 2026 Second Cycle 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
1.	\$18,000.00	001.50005.500820	Grants & Aids
2.			
Total:	\$18,000.00		
Fiscal Impact Statement: The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures of \$18,000.00.			

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 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 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 FY25-26 Second Cycle Evaluation Report
- B. Applications
- C. Draft Resolution