

Memorandum



Date: February 18, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Retroactively Authorizing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to Apply for, Receive and Expend Funds from the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation Pérez CreARTE 2025 Grant Program in the Amount of \$100,000.00 for the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and to Execute all Necessary Agreements

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Executive Summary

This item seeks retroactive approval from the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's Designee to apply for, receive and expend funds from the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation Pérez CreARTE Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and to execute all the grant agreement. The funds will expand access to multidisciplinary arts training, enhance professional workshops and community events, invest in technology, staff development, and marketing, and strengthen the Center's local, regional, and national impact.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board retroactively authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 from The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation Pérez CreARTE grant program for the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and to execute all necessary agreements.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item is countywide. The Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center is located at 6161 NW 22nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33142 in District 3, represented by County Commissioner Keon Hardemon.

Delegation of Authority

The County Mayor or Mayor's designee is delegated the authority to execute the grant agreement and to take all actions to comply with the requirements of the grant agreement and the purpose for which the funds were granted to the County.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

This item will have a positive fiscal impact on the County of \$100,000.00 as The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation Pérez CreARTE grant program does not require matching funds. Funding for the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center comes from the Department of Cultural Affairs' (Department) approved departmental revenues, as adopted in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County budget identified in, Ordinance# 25-98, Attachment H, page 313. The grant funding will be used to expand access to multidisciplinary arts training, enhance professional workshops and community events, invest

in technology, staff development, and marketing, and strengthen the Center's local, regional, and national impact.

Track Record/Monitor

Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is responsible for monitoring the grant contracts. Marshall L. Davis, Sr. manages the ongoing operations of the Center and will oversee the implementation of the youth arts education programs and the use of the grant funds. The Department team has a track record of successfully implementing grants received for arts education programs and services.

Background


The Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center was formerly the Model City Cultural Arts Center which opened in 1975 with funding support from the Model City Program initiated by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This regional facility has served Liberty City and the adjacent communities for 45 years. Its campus of buildings includes a music building, a dance studio, a visual arts/classroom building, an art gallery and a black box theater, along with a complement of offices and necessary support spaces, reception area, and storage spaces, all of which are connected by a central courtyard area.

The Department applied for and received from the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation a Pérez CreARTE grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. These grant funds will be used to provide general operating support for the youth arts education programs at the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center for over two years.

The use of funds will widen and expand the reach of current art disciplines in music, dance, theatre, cinematography, digital arts and journalism, broaden the cultural and intellectual exchanges in student learnings, advance the Center's reputation regionally and nationally, introduce STEAM, fund scholarships, provide supplies to students who would not otherwise be able to access these programs, staff development, community engagement workshops and lectures, and bolster the Center's marketing over various forms of media.

The Center has a distinguished track record of improving the lives of families and children through the arts. A team of extraordinary teachers and artists is nurturing generations of children. Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center alumni are proof of their transformational impact; they include MacArthur Fellow and 2017 Oscar winner for *Moonlight*, Tarell Alvin McCraney and Robert Battle, Artistic Director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. An epicenter of African American culture, the Center has presented Dance Theater of Harlem, National Black Theater Company, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, as well as Eartha Kitt, Ossie Davis, Maurice Hines, and Melton Mustafa.

Attachment – the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation a Pérez CreARTE Grant Agreement



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer



MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 18, 2026

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- “3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Statement of social equity required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)
2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS FROM THE JORGE M. PÉREZ FAMILY FOUNDATION AT THE MIAMI FOUNDATION PÉREZ CREATE 2025 GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 FOR THE MARSHALL L. DAVIS, SR. AFRICAN HERITAGE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board retroactively authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to: (a) apply for, receive and expend funds from the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation Pérez CreARTE 2025 Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center; (b) execute the grant agreement in substantially the form attached to the County Mayor's memorandum and made a part hereof and any other documents necessary to receive the funds; and (c) to exercise all provisions contained in the grant agreement.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman
Marleine Bastien
Sen. René García
Roberto J. Gonzalez
Danielle Cohen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis
Micky Steinberg
Juan Carlos Bermudez
Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Keon Hardemon
Vicki L. Lopez
Raquel A. Regalado

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Melissa M. Gallo

Perez CreARTE Application 2025-2027

Pérez CreARTE 2025- Current Grantees

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (Miami Dade County Department Of Cultural Affairs)

Marshall Davis
6161 NW 22nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33142

marshall.davis@miamidade.gov
O: 305-638-6771

Nicole Chaplin

nicole.chaplin@miamidade.gov
O: 305-636-1033
M: 305-439-7733

FollowUp Form

PÉREZ CREARTE 2025-2027 GRANT AGREEMENT

Congratulations! This letter is to inform you that your organization has been awarded a Pérez CreARTE grant in the amount listed below over **two years** from **The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation**.

The Miami Foundation is privileged to manage The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation. The philanthropic vision of Jorge M. Pérez, chairman and CEO of The Related Group, and his family, is to develop South Florida as an exemplary world-class urban center. Through Pérez CreARTE, the Foundation aims to cultivate the Miami arts ecosystem through expanding residents' access to the arts and making our city a global hub for artistic excellence.

The grant is to be used for the purpose stated in this grant agreement, which also includes the terms and conditions of this grant. No tickets, merchandise or benefits resulting in private inurement are to be issued to the donor as a result of this gift. When acknowledging this grant as defined in the agreement, please make reference to **"The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation."**

This signed grant agreement should be completed through this portal **by Monday, October 27**. The final project budget should be uploaded to this portal **by Monday, October 27**. Banking details should be provided separately through the ["Secure Payment & Document Upload Form"](#) **by Monday, October 27**.

Please send any grant-specific questions to Jacki Altman, Community Investments Manager, at jaltman@miamifoundation.org.

We are privileged to support your organization and help advance a better quality of life for the community.

Sincerely,

Belissa Alvarez
Director
The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation/Related Philanthropic Foundation

Jacki Altman
Community Investments Manager
The Miami Foundation

Project Name*

Perez CreARTE Application 2025-2027

THE MIAMI FOUNDATION THE JORGE M. PÉREZ FAMILY FOUNDATION PÉREZ CREARTE 2025 GRANT AGREEMENT

Amount Awarded

\$100,000.00

Grant Purpose Statement:

To expand access to multidisciplinary arts training, enhance professional workshops and community events, invest in technology, staff development, and marketing, and strengthen the Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center’s local, regional, and national impact.

REPORTS AND PAYMENTS*

Grant Terms: **November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2027**

The Grantee shall submit reports and receive payments according to the following schedule:

Due Date	Report Requirements	Amount Triggered
By October 27, 2025	Signed Grant Agreement Final Project Budget Submit Payment Information	Year 1 Payment (50% Total Award)
By April 3, 2026	Email update	N/A
By October 16, 2026	Interim Narrative Report Interim Financial Report	Year 2 Payment (50% Total Award)
By April 2, 2027	Email Update	N/A
By November 30, 2027	Final Narrative Report Final Financial Report	N/A

* Note, reporting dates and requirements are subject to change. At least 60 days notice will be given if report due dates and requirements change.

1) Additionally, the Grantee agrees to the following:

- a) To participate in external evaluation efforts with a partner as chosen by The Miami Foundation. It is understood that specific grant program metrics may be included as part of the reporting process.
- b) To regularly provide photos, videos, and information about upcoming events and potential family engagement opportunities.

2) All materials related to this grant including Grant Agreements, Budgets, Reports, and Payment Requests should be submitted via The Miami Foundation’s Grants Management Portal at www.Grants.MiamiFoundation.org.

Payments will be released within 60 days of receiving the above required items deemed satisfactory solely at the Foundation's discretion.

3) Grantee must demonstrate compliance with this agreement and sufficient performance on supported activities. Failure to comply with this agreement could result in pending payments, if any, being withheld or withdrawn and make the organization ineligible for future grants.

By signing this agreement, I agree to and accept the terms of this grant award by The Miami Foundation. I understand that grant awards are typically made through competitive cycles each year. Unless program guidelines state otherwise, recipients should view the Foundation’s grants as one-time awards to help advance

their work during the grant period and should not be counted on as a recurring source of support. I understand that recipients are strongly encouraged to use this opportunity to secure and leverage other financial support for on-going activities.

By selecting this box, I accept my compliance with these reporting and payment requirements.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS*

In accepting this grant award, the organization agrees to the following:

1. To use the funds for the purpose described in this Agreement and in accordance with the proposal approved by the Foundation. Any significant changes to the organization's mission, scope, intent or budget shall be shared in advance in writing with The Miami Foundation. If the funds are not used in accordance with the terms outlined in the Agreement, the Grantee may be asked to repay those funds to the Foundation.
2. To maintain financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and have them audited annually or as appropriate to your organization.
3. To prominently acknowledge that support has been provided by The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation in all relevant publications and materials produced by this award as follows:
 - a. By acknowledging The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation in any and all publications, communications, media releases, event signage, and promotional collateral materials produced by the recipient in connection with or regarding programs being supported by this award.
 - b. By including The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation on physical projects or, if the project is an event or series of events, on signage at your events(s).
 - c. By displaying The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation as a supporter on website pages associated this award and any website pages related to sponsors, partners, funders, etc.
 - d. Any use of The Miami Foundation or The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation name and/or logo on digital or printed promotional materials or items/documents for media release must be reviewed and approved. Recipients are required to submit draft materials for approval to both The Miami Foundation and The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation.
4. To report on the grant as per the schedule in this agreement and following the Foundation's reporting guidelines; and to be prepared to provide additional information and documentation if requested.
5. Grantee will maintain its tax-exempt status as a Section 501(c)(3) organization classified as a public charity under Sections 509(a)(1) or (2) current throughout the period of this grant or through its fiscal sponsor.
6. As required by IRS rules, The Miami Foundation funds will not be used: a) to carry on lobbying activities as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; b) for partisan political activities which are prohibited under Section 501(c)(3); c) to make a grant to any individual for travel, study or other similar purposes or to make a sub-grant to any other organization unless the grant complies with Section 4945(d)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and the grant has been detailed in the approved grant plan and budget; or (d) to undertake any activity for any purpose other than the charitable and educational purposes specified in Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

By selecting this box, I verify I accept the Terms and Conditions of this grant agreement.

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER GRANT AGREEMENTS:

Signature*

By typing your name into this box, you agree to and accept the terms of this grant award by The Miami Foundation. You understand that grant awards are typically made through competitive cycles. Unless program guidelines state otherwise, recipients should view the Foundation’s grants as one-time awards to help advance their work during the grant period and should not be counted on as a recurring source of support. You understand that recipients are strongly encouraged to use this opportunity to secure and leverage other financial support for on-going activities.

JIMMY MORALES

Title:*

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Date of Signature*

12/18/2025

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded