

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:	Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE:	June 26, 2024
TITLE:	REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLORE AND PROVIDE INPUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING UP THE FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR MIAMI BEACH ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS CAUSED BY THE NEW STATE BUDGET CUTTING FUNDING.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The City is home to a significant number of Arts and Culture organizations which contribute significantly to our City's robust appeal to diverse residents and tourists. While we help support these organizations in many ways, they also rely on the Florida state budget to meet their operational needs. With the new 2025 budget approved in Tallahassee, it was decided to withhold funding from Arts and Culture organizations, with potentially devastating effects.

I propose a dual referral to FERC and PSNQLC to discuss the merits of having the City do a one-time grant to the organizations identified in the attached documents, not to exceed \$1.45 million, in order to allow one year for the organizations to recalibrate and plan alternate funding sources without cutting their offerings or staff for the upcoming year.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

n/a

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on . See BIE at:
<https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)