



# Music Access Miami Mini-Grants 2021

## Overview

**Music Access Miami** aims to increase access to high-quality music education & experiences for every child & family. With the inaugural launch of our **Music Access Mini-Grants**, we will offer support for capacity building, general operating support, and program support for both music organizations and teachers. The **power of music** is undeniable. Children who are exposed to music education benefit from life-long benefits for their mind, body, and spirit. Research demonstrates that music education positively impacts various aspects of youth development, from literacy and math to Interpersonal abilities and confidence. We want these benefits for every child in Miami-Dade.

Our intent for this cycle of mini-grants is to offer nimble support for grassroots arts organizations, as well as educators throughout the county, allowing resources to be allocated flexibly for the greatest impact through music. Because each & every organization is critical to help us reach every child through music, this grant-cycle is focused specifically for organizations with an operating budget under \$250,000 annually, understanding the challenges that both smaller and newer organization often face in securing programmatic and operational support.

## Focus Areas

1. **Grants for non-profits:** General operating support for organizations whose mission it is to serve youth through music in Miami-Dade County. Funds can be used to provide programmatic support for arts organizations to serve youth through music in Miami Dade-County and/or to increase organizational capacity to support mission.

### Examples:

- Funding to support design, fundraising, or marketing services
  - Funding for staff members or teaching artists
  - Program support for free performances
  - Instrument or software purchase
  - Space rental fees
2. **Miami Dade-County Teacher Resources:** Funding to support Miami-Dade County Music teachers enhance or create in-school music programs. This can include, but is not limited to, supplies, software purchase, instruments, and/or costs associated with additional instructors. **Grants will be administered through The Education Fund. Click [here for details & application](#).**

## Proposal

### Eligibility

**Non-profit Organizations:** Eligible applicants include IRS 501(c)(3) public charities with an operating budget under \$250,000 annually, who are serving Miami-Dade County youth and/or residents through music and who demonstrate the ability to provide quality programs that reflect the program's purpose. Organizations with an existing relationship with an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity fiscal sponsor are also eligible to apply.

### Grant size and duration:

Organizations can apply for **up to \$5,000** for operational or program support occurring between August 2021 - March 2022.



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**Application Process & Timeline:** Applicants must submit a proposal [online via Submittable found here](#).

Each organization may submit **only one proposal**.

- RFP released: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
- Applications due: Friday, July 9, 2021, by end of day
- Notification of grant awards: Late July 2021
- Grants awards: August 2021

## **Questions:**

Direct questions to Kunya Rowley, Manager of Music Access, Arts, and Culture  
[Krowley@miamifoundation.org](mailto:Krowley@miamifoundation.org).

## **About the Music Access Fund**

Powered by The Miami Foundation, Music Access Miami wants every child in Miami-Dade to have access to the power of consistent, high-quality music education. Our focus is on system-level impact, partnering more closely with the school system, government, and institutional partners, and incentivizing larger collaborations that bring resources and opportunity to youth in a more systemic way. While there are dozens of organizations working toward this goal across Miami-Dade, this initiative seeks to expand youth access to music through increased trust, clarity, and collaboration amongst music leaders in the region.

The initiative has three key focus areas:

- **Music Access Network** | Incentivizing collaboration and fostering increased trust across the music access ecosystem to strengthen our network of leaders working toward the common goal of music access for all children in Miami Dade.
- **Music Access Ecosystem Map** | Partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) to expand a regional asset map to identify where students in Miami-Dade have access to programming and where there might be gaps.
- **Miami Gardens Music Alliance** | Piloting a collaboration in Miami Gardens, FL where all children will get access to free, high quality music programming, in and out of school, with an aim to positively impact students social-emotional development and academic performance.



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## Application Questions

Applicants must submit a proposal online via Submittable – <https://themiamifoundation.submittable.com>. Use this document to help you prepare your application.

### **Organizational Information:**

1. *Organization Legal Name (name known to the IRS)*
2. Address
3. Primary Contact Name
4. Primary Contact Title
5. Primary Contact Email
6. Primary Contact Phone Number
7. Website
8. Mission – Briefly state the organization’s mission. (75 words)
9. Budget – 2021 operating budget
10. Type of organization: (*select one*)
  - IRS 501(c)(3)
    - EIN
  - Other (if applying as Other you must have an established relationship with a fiscal sponsor that is an IRS 501(c)(3))
11. Executive Director/CEO - Racial and Ethnic Identity
12. Executive Director/CEO - Gender Identity

### **Request Information:**

1. Funding Request- How much funding are you requesting? Up to \$5,000.
2. Purpose - Describe how the funds will be used and how it will enable you to better serve youth and/or residents through music. (350 words)
3. Audience / Neighborhood: Who is your target audience (which individuals and neighborhoods)? (150 words)
4. Optional: Any other materials that will help us to better understand your organization and/or your request. i.e. – images, videos, design plans, program plans.

### **Required Attachments:**

- Upload – Your organizations hi-resolution logo
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