



**Regular Meeting of the  
Cuyahoga Arts & Culture Board of Trustees**

Garfield Heights Branch  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
5409 Turney Road  
Garfield Heights, OH 44125  
Meeting Room A&B

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 4:00 pm

1. Opening of the Meeting
  - a. Call to order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. **Action:** Motion to approve May 16, 2022 special meeting minutes
  
2. Public Comment on Today's Agenda
  
3. Executive Director's Update
  
4. CAC + Cuyahoga County Nonprofit Arts Rescue Grants (ARPA)
  - a. **Action:** Approval of grants
  
5. Finance and Administrative Items
  - a. Finance Report
  - b. **Action:** Approval of Personnel Report
  
6. Connect with Culture – Letitia Lopez, Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center
  
7. Assembly for the Arts Update
  - a. Statewide Advocacy Update, Credo Company
  
8. Public Comment – General
  
9. **Action:** Motion to adjourn meeting

Next Regular Meeting: November 9, 2022, 4:00 pm  
Sari Feldman Auditorium, Parma-Snow Branch - Cuyahoga County Library  
2121 Snow Road, Parma, OH 44134



**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
Monday, May 16, 2022

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A special meeting of the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture (CAC) Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:02 pm as a virtual meeting in accordance with Ohio General Assembly House Bill 51.

The roll call showed that Trustees Mendez, Scott Taylor, Isenhart, McGowan and Sherman were present. It was determined there was a quorum.

Trustee Mendez stated that the purpose of today's special meeting was to approve minutes from the February 9 and April 13 board meetings and to hold an executive session to consider the performance and compensation of a public employee.

Trustee Sherman said she had several procedural questions which she proceeded to ask and requested that several items be considered as updates to CAC's Bylaws. Trustee Mendez said these items could be addressed at a future regular meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022 minutes. Discussion: Trustee Sherman stated that she sent revisions of the minutes to the Board during the meeting. Vote: Ayes: Isenhart, McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman

A motion was made by Trustee Scott Taylor, seconded by Trustee Isenhart, to approve the April 13, 2022 minutes. Discussion: Trustee Sherman stated that she sent revisions of the minutes to the Board during the meeting. Vote: Ayes: Isenhart, McGowan, Mendez, Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman

A motion was made by Trustee Isenhart, seconded by Trustee McGowan to move to executive session to discuss the performance and compensation of a public employee. The roll call vote was Ayes: Isenhart, McGowan, Mendez, and Scott Taylor. Nays: Sherman.

The Board returned to open session at 3:16 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Mendez, seconded by Trustee Scott Taylor, to adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: All Ayes. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Attest:

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Karolyn Isenhart, Secretary, Board of Trustees

# Executive Director's Report

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September 14, 2022

Welcome to Cuyahoga Arts & Culture's September Board meeting.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board will have the opportunity to:

- Approve \$1.65M in COVID-19 relief grants for 149 arts nonprofits. The funding is from Cuyahoga County, made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- Hear a presentation from Credo Company representatives, the firm that is guiding a local effort to expand public funding for arts and culture.

The fall is a busy time at CAC. In addition to what the Board will discuss at this meeting, staff is simultaneously preparing for 2023 Project Support and Cultural Heritage grant panels. We invite you to watch the livestream on our website the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. We also continue our joint advocacy with Assembly for the Arts to inform local ARPA funding for the arts.

Thank you for preparing for a productive Board meeting.

See you at the Garfield Heights branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Jill Paulsen  
Executive Director

# Updates from CAC Staff

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September 14, 2022

CAC's work is rooted in our [10-year community planning process](#), that identifies the two constituents that we must serve as: 1) nonprofit arts organizations; and 2) the residents of Cuyahoga County. Every year staff creates a flexible [work plan](#) that is grounded in this framework and CAC's [Mission, Vision & Values](#). What follows is a brief update on the progress made on the goals since CAC's April meeting.

## 1. GRANTMAKING: Connecting with and serving nonprofit organizations

### **Provide high quality service to 300+ arts nonprofits with or seeking grants.**

#### 2022 Grants: General Operating Support (GOS), Project Support (PS), Cultural Heritage (CH)

Mid-Year Reports for GOS 2022 have been received and reviewed, releasing the next 40% payment to grant recipients. Development of Year-End Reports and 2023 Goals are in progress. Staff continue to work with Project Support grantees as they carry out 2022 projects. Staff held mid-year meetings with all CH grantees to share updates and inform our work.

#### 2023 Grant Application Process

Applications for 2023 funding through CAC's PS and CH grant programs were due August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. We received a total of 217 applications, including one to CH. Additionally, there are 11 returning Cultural Heritage and 69 General Operating Support grantees that will be recommended for grants at the November meeting.

### **Evaluate our grantmaking and ensure equity threads through each stage of the process.**

#### Evaluation Surveys

After each step in the grant cycle, staff continues to collect feedback to inform our work. Recent feedback on CAC's application process showed most applicants were "very satisfied" with the process. One applicant noted: *"I thought the application process was great and relatively easy to complete."* Staff uses regular communication with applicants and grantees to inform technical assistance and to consider potential improvements for future grant cycles.

#### Panel

Forty arts and culture professionals from outside Northeast Ohio have been recruited to serve as panelists who will evaluate applications to our PS and CH grant programs. Panelists have received training and are now reviewing applications. CAC's public grant review panels will be held virtually the week of September 19. Project Support applicants requesting up to \$5,000 will continue to be reviewed through a written panel process. Learn more [here](#).

### **Provide technical assistance to address grant program goals and funding priorities.**

#### Support for Applicants

Every year CAC staff offers robust technical assistance to ensure applicants have the tools and information to succeed in our process. This summer, those well-attended offerings included:

- Two virtual application and grant opportunities workshops, recorded and distributed widely;
- Four Q&A sessions where applicants could connect with staff and learn from peers;
- Workshops on 990s and SMU | DataArts Cultural Data Profile;
- Virtual office hours for applicants to meet one-on-one with CAC staff to address their organizations' applications and specific questions; and,
- Emails and personal phone calls regarding technical assistance and reminders fielded by the entire CAC team.

### **Support the work of our Resident-Led grantmaking and Support for Artist grantees.**

#### Resident-Led Grants

In July, CAC co-funded 15 neighborhood arts and culture projects through its partnership with Neighborhood Connections. Neighbor Up Action Grants support grassroots arts activities led by Cleveland and East Cleveland residents. Learn more [here](#).

The 2022 ioby-CAC Match Fund is now complete. The fund provided a dollar-for-dollar match for funds raised by residents, up to \$3,000. CAC supported 42 projects through the match program in 2022, a 34% increase over 2021, bringing public funding to neighborhoods across the community.

#### Support for Artists Grants (SFA)

SPACES and Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center have made most of their awards for the year and are working with artists to carry out projects and provide support. Karamu House will launch their program this fall. All programs will be completed by the end of the year. Learn more [here](#).

## **2. COMMUNICATIONS: Connecting with residents and promoting CAC-funded events**

### **Provide consistent and transparent communications regarding funding opportunities and CAC-funded events.**

#### 2021 Report to the Community

In June, CAC released its annual report in a digital and mailed print format. The report summarizes the resilience of grantees and impact of CAC funding during the continued pandemic. The report has been viewed by hundreds of grantees, public officials, and other engaged residents. View and share the report at <http://www.cacgrants.org/2021>.

#### Media Relations and ClevelandArtsEvents.com

CAC is connecting residents to grantees through our media partnerships with WKYC Channel 3 and FreshWater Cleveland. These partners drive traffic to ClevelandArtsEvents.com (which attracts thousands of pageviews per month) and spotlight grantees, with a focus on racial equity.

#### Media Placements

In addition to consistent crediting for Cuyahoga Arts & Culture in the media by our partners, below is a sampling of recent media clips focused on CAC's work:

- [Interested in 2023 Cuyahoga Arts & Culture funding? Join today's virtual workshop \(freshwatercleveland.com\)](#)  
May 4, 2022

- [Cuyahoga County authorizes \\$3.3 million in federal COVID relief money for the arts - cleveland.com](#)  
July 7, 2022
- [Bouncing back through Arts & Culture: CAC annual report highlights resilience in the arts \(freshwatercleveland.com\)](#)  
July 21, 2022
- [Community Tours, Art & Culture | Jake Sinatra & Krista Albertins | wkyc.com](#)  
July 29, 2022

**Build community through Arts and Culture Network Nights; bring Assembly into work.**

Arts & Culture Network Night

Since mid-May, Neighborhood Connections hosted three Arts & Culture Network Nights (1 virtual and 2 in-person). More than 35 people attended each event. These sessions bring the arts community together for relationship building, mutual support and to spark new initiatives. The next Network Night is Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to more formally inviting Assembly for the Arts into this work as we plan for next year.

**3. Effective TEAMWORK and OPERATIONS**

**Work in coalition with Assembly to expand public funding, include securing APRA funding for the creative economy.**

Nonprofit Arts Organizations Relief Program

With funding made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act and awarded to CAC by Cuyahoga County, CAC launched the Nonprofit Arts Organizations Relief Program on July 26 to make one-time relief grants to CAC-funded nonprofits. CAC received 149 eligible applications and recommends grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$75,000, based on past grant amount or organizational budget size. See the memo in this packet for additional details and grant recommendations.

**Staff Updates**

- Farewell to Heather Johnson Banks, CAC’s former director of grantmaking. We wish her well in her new role in corporate philanthropy in Seattle.
- Congrats Jake Sinatra on his promotion to director, strategic grantmaking and communications. This summer marks Jake’s 10<sup>th</sup> year at CAC.
- Welcome Laura Matteo, associate – grantmaking and communications.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### 2022 YTD

**Revenue.** Tax revenue through August 31 was \$7,414,782. This is \$399,286 (5.1%) below forecast and \$691,250 (8.5%) lower than the same period in 2021. The rate of decline in revenue is 8.5% YTD. Interest revenue through August was \$139,284 which is \$40,884 (41.55%) over forecast. This is the result of increases to interest rates over the past months.

**Expenditure.** The majority of CAC's budget is comprised of grants which were approved in 2021. These grants are accrued at the beginning of the year and recognized on the balance sheet. Non-grant expenditures through August were \$649,492 and are tracking \$85,467 below budget due to timing of payments and an open staff position.

**Investments.** As of August 31, CAC inactive monies are invested as follows:

- STAR Ohio: \$3,160,187\* (yield 2.36%)
- RedTree Investment Group: \$13,071,260 (yield 2.42%)

\*\$1.65million in StarOhio is restricted for Cuyahoga County Nonprofit Relief Grants.

### 2021 Audit

[CAC's 2021 audit](#) was released by the Ohio Auditor of State on June 16, 2022. There were no comments or findings, and CAC received the [Auditor of State Award](#) for its clean audit.

### Audit and Finance Advisory Committee

The CAC Audit and Finance Advisory Committee met on June 8, 2022. At the meeting the committee reviewed the Internal Controls Policies and Procedures and Committee Charter. There were no recommended updates to either document.

<b>Cuyahoga Arts &amp; Culture</b>				
<b>Through 8/31/2022</b>				
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>\$ Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Revenue/Expenditures</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>				
Excise Tax	\$ 7,414,782	\$ 7,814,068	\$ (399,286)	94.89%
Interest	\$ 139,284	\$ 98,400	\$ 40,884	141.55%
Other revenue	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ 1,650,000	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,204,065</b>	<b>\$ 7,912,468</b>	<b>\$ 1,291,597</b>	<b>116.32%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Arts &amp; Cultural Programming</b>				
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$ 226,784	\$ 260,134	\$ (33,349)	87.2%
Grant Panel Expenses	\$ 22	\$ -	\$ 22	
Grant Management Expenses	\$ 18,096	\$ 28,500	\$ (10,404)	63.5%
Awareness Activities	\$ 16,695	\$ 20,800	\$ (4,105)	
Cuyahoga County Grants***	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Grants**	\$ 11,875,635	\$ 11,955,452	\$ (79,818)	99.3%
<b>Total A&amp;C Exenditures</b>	<b>\$ 13,787,232</b>	<b>\$ 12,264,886</b>	<b>\$ 1,522,346</b>	<b>112.4%</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative</b>				
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$ 217,225	\$ 237,243	\$ (20,018)	91.6%
Facilities, Supplies, Equipment	\$ 49,842	\$ 60,270	\$ (10,427)	82.7%
Professional Fees	\$ 120,827	\$ 128,013	\$ (7,186)	94.4%
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total G&amp;A Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 387,895</b>	<b>\$ 425,526</b>	<b>\$ (37,631)</b>	<b>91.2%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 14,175,127</b>	<b>\$ 12,690,412</b>	<b>\$ 1,484,715</b>	<b>111.7%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (4,971,062)</b>	<b>\$ (4,777,944)</b>	<b>\$ (193,118)</b>	

\*\* Outstanding 2021 and 2022 grant obligations are on the balance sheet.

\*\*\* Cuyahoga County Grants will fully passthrough CAC in 2022. Grants have been added in order to net them out. Approval in Sept.

<b>Non-grant cash disbursements YTD</b>	\$ 649,492	\$ 734,960	\$ (85,467)
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Cuyahoga Arts & Culture  
Balance Sheet as of

**Aug 31, 22**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

KeyBank	\$ 181,852
RedTree (U.S.Bank)	\$ 13,071,260
Star Ohio	\$ 3,160,187

**Total Checking/Savings** \$ 16,413,299

**Accounts Receivable**

11000 · Accounts Receivable \$ 1,029,783

**Total Accounts Receivable** \$ 1,029,783

**Total Current Assets** \$ 17,443,082

**Fixed Assets**

15000 · Furniture and Equipment \$ 870

15002 · Leashold Improvements \$ 388

**Total Fixed Assets** \$ 1,258

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$ 17,444,340**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

24000 · Payroll Liabilities \$ 7,847

24200 · GOS Grants \$ 2,084,898

24300 · PS and CH Grants \$ 890,625

24400 · SFA and Other (CC) Grants \$ 1,760,000

**Total Other Current Liabilities** \$ 4,743,370

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**Equity**

32000 · Retained Earnings \$ 17,672,032

Net Income \$ (4,971,062)

**Total Equity** \$ 12,700,970

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **\$ 17,444,340**

<b>CIGARETTE TAX RECEIPTS FY 21 VS FY 22 YTD</b>				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>\$VAR</b>	<b>21-22%VAR</b>
JANUARY	\$ 879,251.89	\$ 1,020,374.75	\$ 141,122.86	16.1%
FEBRUARY	\$ 767,148.61	\$ 672,520.40	\$ (94,628.21)	-12.3%
MARCH	\$ 1,160,248.70	\$ 835,735.13	\$ (324,513.57)	-28.0%
APRIL	\$ 1,110,191.70	\$ 1,027,927.45	\$ (82,264.25)	-7.4%
MAY	\$ 887,123.22	\$ 784,357.79	\$ (102,765.43)	-11.6%
JUNE	\$ 1,919,137.93	\$ 1,814,603.74	\$ (104,534.19)	-5.4%
JULY	\$ 249,437.79	\$ 229,478.81	\$ (19,958.98)	-8%
AUGUST	\$ 1,133,490.66	\$ 1,029,783.44	\$ (103,707.22)	-9%
SEPTEMBER	\$ 856,790.12			
OCTOBER	\$ 1,115,112.10			
NOVEMBER	\$ 865,654.26			
DECEMBER	\$ 1,065,654.97			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 12,009,241.95</b>	<b>\$ 7,414,781.51</b>	<b>\$ (691,248.99)</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>



## MEMORANDUM

Date: September 14, 2022  
To: CAC Board of Trustees  
From: CAC Staff  
Re: 2022 CAC + Cuyahoga County Arts Nonprofit Relief Grants

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**Board Action:** CAC recommends 149 grants totaling \$1.65M to provide COVID-19 relief funding to arts nonprofits based in Cuyahoga County.

### Background

On March 28, 2022, Cuyahoga County Council, with strong support from the County Executive, approved a grant of \$1.65M to Cuyahoga Arts & Culture to provide pandemic relief to arts nonprofits based in the County. The funding is made possible due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Upon receipt of these County general funds, CAC issued the **CAC + Cuyahoga County Arts Nonprofit Relief Grant** guidelines and conducted outreach to ensure all eligible nonprofits were aware of the relief grant opportunity. See guidelines following this memo.

The aim of this grant opportunity is to provide flexible relief funding, through a simple and expedient process, to as many arts nonprofits as possible.

### Eligibility

To apply for funding, arts and cultural nonprofits must have been in good standing with CAC and have met all the following criteria:

- Have a primary mission to provide arts and cultural programming, as previously determined by CAC;
- Received a CAC grant of at least \$3,000 in 2020, 2021, or 2022 in one of the following programs: Project Support, Cultural Heritage, or General Operating Support, and;
- Successfully completed CAC-funded arts and cultural programming in 2020 or 2021 or received a CAC grant in 2022.

Applications were due August 15, 2022. 153 organizations submitted applications. All 149 eligible organizations are recommended for a grant.

**Determination of Grant Amount**

Grants range from \$2,000 to \$75,000 and were determined using the following framework:

If an arts nonprofit’s most recent CAC grant* was:	The nonprofit is eligible for a grant of:
Project Support of Cultural Heritage grant of \$3,000 to \$7,500	<b>\$2,000</b>
Project Support or Cultural Heritage grant of \$7,501 to \$15,000	<b>\$4,000</b>
Project Support or Cultural Heritage grant of \$15,001 to \$30,000	<b>\$6,000</b>
General Operating Support recipients will be eligible to receive a grant of <b>\$6,000 - \$75,000</b> , depending on organizational budget.	

\*For most applicants this will be the grant award for 2022.

**List of Recommended Grant Recipients and Grant Amounts**

The list of grant recommendations for the CAC + Cuyahoga County Arts Nonprofit Relief Grant opportunity follows this memo.

Pending Board approval, CAC will issue one-time grant payments. We anticipate closing out the grant with the County by mid-December 2022.

Arts Nonprofit Organization	Grant Amount
Abrepaso Flamenco	\$ 2,000
Africa House International	\$ 6,000
America Asian Pacific Islander Organization	\$ 2,000
Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra	\$ 22,825
Art House	\$ 7,910
Art of Me	\$ 2,000
Art Therapy Studio	\$ 13,090
Artists Archives of the Western Reserve	\$ 8,910
Arts Impact – formerly Progressive Arts Alliance	\$ 13,000
Arts Without Borders	\$ 2,000
Assembly	\$ 12,100
BAYarts	\$ 14,190
Beck Center for the Arts	\$ 24,335
BlueWater Chamber Orchestra	\$ 4,000
Bodwin Theatre Company	\$ 2,000
BorderLight	\$ 6,000
Brite Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Broadway School	\$ 8,310

Buck Out Foundation	\$ 4,000
Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health	\$ 6,000
Cassidy Theatre	\$ 2,000
Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy	\$ 2,000
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	\$ 20,760
Chagrin Arts	\$ 4,000
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	\$ 6,000
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	\$ 9,575
ChamberFest Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Choral Arts Cleveland	\$ 2,000
City Ballet of Cleveland	\$ 2,000
CityMusic Cleveland	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Ballet	\$ 15,480
Cleveland Botanical Garden	\$ 31,670
Cleveland Chamber Choir	\$ 4,000
Cleveland Chamber Music Society	\$ 4,000
Cleveland Classical Guitar Society	\$ 10,360
Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Inner City Ballet	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Institute of Music	\$ 68,465
Cleveland International Film Festival	\$ 27,020
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra	\$ 6,820
Cleveland Museum of Art	\$ 75,000
Cleveland Museum of Natural History	\$ 67,830
Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Photo Fest	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Play House	\$ 47,960
Cleveland POPS Orchestra	\$ 14,225
Cleveland Print Room	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Public Theatre	\$ 22,570
Cleveland Restoration Society	\$ 18,915
Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future	\$ 6,000
Cleveland Seed Bank	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Shakespeare Festival	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Uncommon Sound Project	\$ 2,000
Cleveland Women's Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Collective Arts Network (CAN Journal)	\$ 8,305
CollectivExpress	\$ 2,000
Comité Mexicano	\$ 2,000

Contemporary Youth Orchestra	\$ 9,665
convergence-continuum	\$ 4,000
DANCECleveland	\$ 12,365
DANCEVERT	\$ 2,000
Dancing Wheels	\$ 11,105
Djapo Cultural Arts Institute	\$ 6,000
Dobama Theatre	\$ 12,325
Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble	\$ 6,000
Dunham Tavern	\$ 6,575
Edward E. Parker Museum of Art	\$ 2,000
ENCORE Chamber Music	\$ 6,000
Ensemble	\$ 6,765
Foluke Cultural Arts Center, Inc.	\$ 6,000
Friends of the McGaffin Carillon	\$ 2,000
FRONT International	\$ 6,000
Good Company: A Vocal Ensemble	\$ 2,000
Great Lakes Science Center	\$ 41,605
Great Lakes Theater	\$ 31,225
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Foundation	\$ 6,000
GroundWorks Dancetheater	\$ 12,780
Heights Arts	\$ 8,730
Heights Youth Theatre	\$ 6,000
ICA Art Conservation	\$ 20,345
India Fest USA	\$ 2,000
Ingenuity	\$ 10,785
Inlet Dance	\$ 9,275
International Women's Air & Space Museum	\$ 2,000
Italian Cultural Garden	\$ 2,000
Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center	\$ 6,000
Karamu House	\$ 27,185
Kulture Kids	\$ 2,000
Lake Erie Ink	\$ 9,305
Lake Erie Institute	\$ 2,000
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center	\$ 18,190
Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy	\$ 2,000
LAND studio	\$ 29,650
Larchmere PorchFest	\$ 2,000
LatinUs Theater Company	\$ 6,000
Les Délices	\$ 6,000
Literary Cleveland	\$ 6,000

Little Lumpy's Center for Educational Initiatives	\$ 2,000
Local 4 Music Fund	\$ 4,000
LYLESART	\$ 2,000
Maelstrom Collaborative Arts	\$ 4,000
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage	\$ 27,620
Mojuba Dance Collective	\$ 4,000
Morgan Papermaking	\$ 10,685
MorrisonDance	\$ 2,000
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland	\$ 27,150
Naach Di Cleveland	\$ 2,000
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	\$ 18,120
Near West Theatre	\$ 17,610
No Exit	\$ 2,000
North Coast Men's Chorus	\$ 7,660
Piano Cleveland	\$ 16,550
Playhouse Square Foundation	\$ 75,000
Playwrights Local	\$ 4,000
Praxis Fiber Workshop	\$ 6,000
Quire Cleveland	\$ 4,000
Refresh Collective	\$ 2,000
Renovare Music	\$ 2,000
Restore Cleveland Hope	\$ 2,000
Roberto Ocasio Foundation	\$ 2,000
Roots of American Music	\$ 7,910
Sankofa Fine Art Plus	\$ 2,000
Shaker Historical Society	\$ 6,460
Slovenian Museum and Archives	\$ 4,000
SPACES	\$ 10,265
Stellar Acrobatic Dance Academy	\$ 2,000
STV Bavaria	\$ 2,000
Suburban Symphony Orchestra	\$ 2,000
Talespinner Children's Theatre	\$ 4,000
The Brecksville Theater	\$ 4,000
The Children's Museum of Cleveland	\$ 21,360
The Cleveland Opera	\$ 6,455
The Cleveland Orchestra	\$ 75,000
The Movement Project	\$ 2,000
The Music Settlement	\$ 35,735
The Musical Theater Project	\$ 12,910
The Rainey Institute	\$ 19,585

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum	\$ 75,000
The Singing Angels	\$ 8,890
Trobár Medieval	\$ 2,000
Valley Art Center	\$ 9,990
Verb Ballets	\$ 11,715
VIVA Bavaria	\$ 2,000
Wake Up and Live's Actor's Studio	\$ 2,000
Waterloo Arts	\$ 6,000
West Shore Chorale	\$ 2,000
Women in History	\$ 2,000
Zygote Press	\$ 8,830





**Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and Cuyahoga County  
Nonprofit Arts Organizations Relief Program**  
funding made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

**DEADLINE: August 15, 2022, by 4:30pm**

Recognizing the ongoing impact of the pandemic on the creative economy, Cuyahoga County granted \$3.3M, with funding made possible from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), to help arts nonprofits, for-profit businesses, and artists. The funding is split between [Cuyahoga Arts & Culture](#) (\$1.65M to fund arts nonprofits) and [Assembly for the Arts](#) (\$1.65M to fund for-profit creative businesses and artists).

**This document contains the eligibility requirements, application, and reporting questions required for nonprofits to be considered for funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.** Artists and for-profits interested in funding should sign up for more information at [www.assemblycle.org/arpa](http://www.assemblycle.org/arpa).

**Questions?** If you need assistance or have questions about this one-time funding opportunity, please contact your program manager or email us at [info@cacgrants.org](mailto:info@cacgrants.org).

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- Successfully completed CAC-funded arts and cultural programming in 2020 or 2021 or received a CAC grant in 2022.

### **Application Deadline**

Monday, August 15, 2022, by 4:30 pm ET

### **Application Process**

Applications must be submitted online through CAC's online application and reporting system. Login [here](#).

### Determination of Grant Amount

Grants will range from \$2,000 to \$75,000 and shall be determined using the following framework:

If your organization's most recent CAC grant* was:	You will be eligible for a grant of:
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Project Support or Cultural Heritage grant of \$15,001 to \$30,000	<b>\$6,000</b>
General Operating Support recipients will be eligible to receive a grant of <b>\$6,000 - \$75,000</b> , depending on organizational budget. Please note, most grants will be under \$25,000.	

\*For most applicants this will be the grant award for 2022.

### Grant Eligibility and Review Process

CAC will review applications to ensure the eligibility criteria are met. Grant recommendations will be made to CAC's Board of Trustees for its approval on September 14, 2022. All grant applications are considered public records.

### Grant Approval Process

Once approved for funding, the organization must sign and return the Grant Agreement within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. Upon receipt of the agreement CAC will issue payment.

### Use of Funds

Recipients shall use grant solely for operating expenses relating to programs or activities directly concerned with Arts or Culture heritage. Funds can be applied to expenses incurred between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Recipients will complete a final report detailing how funds were used.

Prohibited uses of this grant include: costs of any programs or activities located outside of Cuyahoga County; activities that are not open to the general public; fundraising or benefits; regranting; scholarships, tuition assistance, awards or cash prizes; deficit reduction or elimination, trust endowments, cash reserves, penalty or litigation fees, loans, or interest on loans; capital improvements, facilities or equipment; religious ceremonies or events advancing or inhibiting a particular religious ideology; cost of receptions, food and beverages; agent's fees for programs contracted through commercial agencies; travel outside of the United States; or advocacy of specific political causes or candidates.

### Grant Disbursement

Awards will be processed and made available to awardees in fall 2022. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2022.

### Simple Reporting

Upon spending your grant funds, recipients are required to complete a report Login [here](#). See report questions below.

## Application Questions

Login to CAC's online application and reporting system (<https://cacgrants.smapply.org/>) to complete the application by **Monday, August 15, 2022, by 4:30 pm ET.**

### **Certify Eligibility**

Certify that your organization has met all the eligibility criteria:

- Is your organization a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization? (yes/no)
- Does your organization have a primary mission to produce, present or create programs or activities in areas directly concerned with arts or cultural heritage (as defined by the Ohio Revised Code) for the public? (yes/no)
- Has your organization had a permanent and viable base of operations in Cuyahoga County for at least one year prior to August 15, 2022? (yes/no)
- Has your organization received a grant from CAC in 2020, 2021 and/or 2022 and completed (or in the process of completing) arts and culture programming in Cuyahoga County with CAC funds? (yes/no)

**My most recent grant from CAC was in the year:**

- 2020
- 2021
- 2022

**My most recent grant from CAC was in the following program:**

- Project Support
- Cultural Heritage
- General Operating Support

**What was your most recent grant award amount?**

View a list of: [2020 grants](#), [2021 grants](#), or [2022 grants](#).

**How has your organization been impacted by the pandemic?** (Up to 1,000 characters)

*Note:* If you are a 2022 General Operating Support grant recipient and have already submitted your 2022 Mid-Year report, including your COVID-19 impact data, you may respond, "See 2022 GOS Mid-Year Report."

**How do you anticipate using these funds by December 31, 2022?**

- Personnel (staff, contract personnel, artist fees)
- Programming
- Rent, Utilities, Space Rental
- Other

Cuyahoga County's Department of Equity and Inclusion requests the following:  
**How will you use these funds to increase equity in your organization?** (Up to 1,500 characters)

**Statement of Assurances**

An authorizing official will certify that they are authorized to submit the application on behalf of the organization and that the information submitted in the application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

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**Final Report Questions**

(<https://cacgrants.smapply.org/>) to complete the final report by December 31, 2022.

**Grant Award Amount**

**My organization fully expended the grant by December 31, 2022.** (yes/no)

**How did your organization use the funds?**

- Personnel (staff, contract personnel, artist fees)
- Programming
- Rent, Utilities, Space Rental
- Other
- Total (of above)

**Is there additional information you want to share with CAC or the County?** (Optional)

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