

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



American Asian Pacific Islander Organization

Your Project Title: Aloha Hawai'i Theater Performance and Luau Event.

Your Project Summary: A Hawaiian cultural performance and event will be open to all with an interest in Polynesian & Pacific Islander culture, dance and music.

Final Score: Yes. Overall, the panel felt that the applicant provided evidence throughout the application that the funding criteria were met.

CAC Grant Amount: \$5,000

To ensure an impartial and transparent application review process, CAC convened an online panel of arts and cultural professionals from outside the region who evaluated and scored eligible applications.

Panelists scored each application based on the Funding Criteria—Public Benefit, Artistic and Cultural Vibrancy and Organizational Capacity—with an emphasis on Public Benefit. For more details regarding the panel process and full panelist bios, please review the [Panel Guide](#).



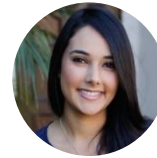
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Christianne Rojo
(Santa Barbara, CA)

Below you will find each panelist's score and comment on your application in response to the question: **With an emphasis on public benefit, does the applicant demonstrate evidence that it meets CAC's three funding criteria?**

Note: Panelist scores and comments are presented in no particular order.

Panelist 1

Score: Somewhat

Comment: This project somewhat meets the funding criteria. The proposal identifies the community being served. While the partnership with Cassidy Theater does not seem very deep or meaningful beyond use of the venue, the group is partnering with a local dance company to curate talent. The program itself celebrates traditional dance and music. The plan to raise matching funds thru a combination of donations and earned revenue is sound, and the group also offers tickets on a varied scale of access.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the Aloha Hawai'i Theater Performance and Luau Event meets the funding criteria. This organization provides public benefit by showing they understand their community and using knowledge of the South Pacific Islander community to drive their work with cultural dances and inviting the public with open arms. The event connects its audience with arts and culture organizations like the local theater, musicians, and dancers. The organizational capacity is evident through clear goals, professional direction, and realistic budgeting. Funds will be judiciously spent on necessities while leveraging volunteered time/crafts. Artistic and cultural vibrancy is met by inspiring the community to think creatively/differently and offers fresh programming.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the projects proposed by AAPIO Ohio meet the funding criteria. The applicant provides a clear assessment of the demographics of Cleveland, thus stressing the importance and need for cultural diversity through educating the community about Asian, Pacific Island and Native Hawaiian Culture. The Theatre Production and Luau demonstrate great public benefit by celebrating diversity and its beauty through encouraging community participants of all backgrounds to engage in artistic, cultural traditions that may be different from their own culture. The applicant shows artistic and cultural vibrancy through collaboration between various dancers, artists, venues and volunteers, which results in diverse programming.

Panelist 4

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the project meets funding criteria. The applicant clearly demonstrates an artistic vibrancy to promote and celebrate the Asian-pacific culture in Ohio. The performances are engaging, as shown in the supplemental material, and inspire the community to think about an underrepresented community. The project proposal is slightly ambiguous, but I do believe that the applicant intends for this event to be open and inviting to all those who live closeby the site. I appreciate how the applicant will not only perform for those who participate but engage them in a meaningful way, fostering community cohesion. Nonetheless, for those that are capable of attending, this will prove to be a fun and enriching experience celebrating a very unique cutlure.

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