

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University

Your Project Title: The 2019 Cleveland Humanities Festival: Nature

Your Project Summary: The Cleveland Humanities Festival (CHF) is a collaborative event celebrating the cultural institutions of Northeast Ohio dedicated to humanistic inquiry. Held around a core of events taking place March 21-April 1, the 2019 CHF on Nature will involve at least 28 organizations and will offer public programming which explores the theme from a variety of perspectives, including the representation of the natural world in literature and the arts and how our understanding of science of nature impacts culture and society.

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](#).



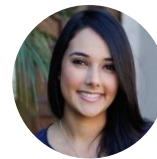
Kristine Harman
(Athens, OH)



Alena Leonatti
(Carpinteria, CA)



Shin Yu Pai
(Seattle, WA)



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: Yes

Comment: Yes, this project meets funding criteria. The applicant demonstrates a clear understanding of its community, providing specific details of who is expected to attend. They also comprehensively detail the public benefit of bringing together the community and local businesses to participate in this unique educational opportunity. The theme of "Nature" is very inspiring, and I appreciate how the project will explore this theme from various perspectives, pulling from all mediums, which demonstrates a deep artistic vibrancy that will inspire and challenge the community. I have no doubt that this organization will meet project goals and that participants will walk away with a new appreciation for Nature.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the CHF project meets the funding criteria. This organization thoroughly understands and responds to the community they're serving. Offering free, public programming ensures equal access for all members of society, regardless of gender, race, or class. They are harnessing relationships with over 28 diverse community partners. All of these things work together to benefit the public in an impactful way. They demonstrate a commitment to artistic and cultural vibrancy particularly through programs that are interdisciplinary, environmentally/socially pertinent, creative, and challenging to the community. CWRU's strong organizational capacity is proven through details such as a specified timeline, an event website, and a good handle on the budget.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the proposal clearly meets the criteria. The festival has a long-standing history of producing large-scale humanities programming that engage a wide audience and community partner, along with making several programs free to the public. With 28 partners engaged in collaboration, the festival will likely offer a wide breadth of vibrant and complex perspectives. As a well-staffed and fiscally strong org, the applicant has the ability to produce a high quality event.

Panelist 4

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, the applicant meets the funding criteria. It's clear that CHF provides strong evidence of public benefit as it will reach a large amount of people from different cultural backgrounds and provide new and diverse programming by: holding free events in an array of venues throughout the greater Cleveland area, as well as embrace collaboration between multiple educational and cultural programs and institutions. As stated in the application and website, CHF addresses various societal issues that are of great importance to the community, while addressing these issues from various cultural stand points. This celebrates the importance of diverse cultural insight on these topics, which is a great example of providing important community engagement.

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