

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Bedford Historical Society

Your Project Title: Celebration of the Arts/ Weekend of the Pooka

Your Project Summary: This is a event that celebrates Art and artist through the Historical Society. There is a wide range of Art Experiences and Art education at the Celebration.

Final Score: No. Overall, the panel felt that the applicant provided insufficient evidence throughout the application that the funding criteria were met.

CAC Grant Amount: \$0

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](#).



Sarah Benvenuti
(New York, NY)



Tracie Hall
(Chicago, IL)



Leesa Jing
(Indianapolis, IN)



Carly Jones
(Raleigh, NC)



Kevin O'Hora
(New York, NY)

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: The narrative that accompanied the proposal would benefit from speaking explicitly about audience reach (beyond numbers) and what the Weekend of the Pooka has or might contribute to the surrounding community or arts ecology. In following the link to the website this reviewer was able to find partial insight into the kinds of artists and arts offerings the event includes, but there is not enough to describe what contexts or gaps this event responds to. For that reason, this reviewer assesses that this proposal "somewhat" demonstrates public benefit.

Panelist 2

Score: No

Comment: This project does not meet the funding criteria. The responses lack detail, and the project goal is not well defined or thought out. The budget also lacks detail, stating that funds will be used for "expenses for Art entertainment". What do those expenses entail? I don't get a sense of who the community is, and it's not laid out how they will benefit from this event. The applicant does not demonstrate a deep understanding of the community it serves, and there isn't much detail about how they will engage the community.

Panelist 3

Score: No

Comment: No, the applicant does not provide enough evidence to meet funding criteria. The narrative responses and budgeting are insufficient to demonstrate the organization's ability to execute the project. No explanation of public benefit or how this project serves its community is given.

Panelist 4

Score: No

Comment: We need way more detail on community to show public benefit. Even if you don't have specifics on attendees, give us neighborhood demographic info, etc. There is no detail on what they plan to do. What is the event like? Who participates? What are the hands on activities? Lacks a plan towards capacity. Public benefit also needs more detail- what have people said about the event? What are you trying to do when you plan the event? There MUST be more people involved than community colleges. Volunteers, board, etc all go to capacity. Budget has

no detail- we need numbers and detail on past sponsors if you don't have current info. This makes me question your capacity to achieve the project.

Panelist 5

Score: No

Comment: This project does not meet the funding criteria. Public Benefit: There is little detail in the application about the needs of the community this organization is serving and no indication of intentional programming. Involving students of all ages is commendable. Artistic & Cultural Vibrancy: There is not enough detail about the actual programming for me to assess the artistic and cultural programming. Organizational Capacity: There is not enough detail about the budget or fundraising plan to provide confidence that this organization has the capacity for such programming.

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