

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation

Your Project Title: Riverside Park Summer Arts Enrichment Camp

Your Project Summary: Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority collaborate to provide after-school and summer programming for children residing at Riverside Park Estates. In addition to academic and physical education activities provided by BPDC and CMHA staff, we would like to collaborate with established arts education programs to provide high quality art and dance instruction for our summer program participants, along with arts exposure field trips.

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

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,200

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](#).



Rosalyn Escobar
(Los Angeles, CA)



Trey Hartt
(Richmond, VA)



Ashe Helm-Hernández
(Atlanta, GA)



Alice Anne Dolbin
(Philadelphia, PA)



Brett Swinney
(Chicago, IL)

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: This project meets the funding criteria. They are a sophisticated operation that clearly demonstrated the skills needed to conduct their summer camp arts enrichment. Their public benefit is demonstrated not only in their connection to the community, but the fact that this summer camp has a waiting list year after year. I wish they could offer more than 50 spaces. This organization demonstrates a strong understanding of creative youth development and has paid staff dedicated to that. I admire that they recognize the importance of a well-rounded curriculum that includes the arts. It would have been helpful to included attachments or letters of support from the contracted arts organizations. All of the partnerships are commendable.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets the funding criteria. The demand for the program is clearly expressed. The fact that the residents of Riverside Park are part of the planning process palpably builds the community's ownership of the program and communicates public benefit. Cultural vibrancy outcomes can spring up from their programming; for example, healthier inter-community relationships, more foot-traffic centered around positive activities, and community pride. Utilizing dance can help children be physically healthy while providing alternative forms of expression. Free programming shows the dedication to a well-rounded program. Their partnerships are strong and long-term identifying organizational capacity.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets the funding criteria. Public benefit is showcased through its 18 year history in the community. The applicant shows evidence of artistic and cultural vibrancy by creating a vibrant summer program that is in full demand by the community it serves. Organizational capacity is evident through its budget which clearly identifies how funds will be spent and additional leveraged resources for staffing support. This project is an excellent example of incorporating arts, dance and a positive safe space for low income and neighboring youth.

Panelist 4

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets the funding criteria. By bringing arts education to underserved communities it creates an invaluable resource. Applicant showcases organization capacity by establishing partnerships, which I believe will extend the overall reach of the program. Based on their application they address a need for arts programming in their community and with more support can continue to do great work.

Panelist 5

Score: Somewhat

Comment: This project somewhat meets the funding criteria. The comprehensive nature of the program seems to show public benefit by meeting the needs of the 50-60 youth in their neighborhood that need academic support and enrichment. Having a planning committee with community members involved is a smart way to ensure the effectiveness of the program, however, it should be noted that the arts instructors and staff should be part of the planning process from the start so that the quality of the arts programming is not just "added on" but more intentional in the way that it is incorporated. The application could use more details about artistic staff involved and how the 12 hours of arts instruction per week will be split out into the 7 weeks of camp. Artistic sample would not load.

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