

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Connecting for Kids of Westlake, OH

Your Project Title: Music Therapy & More Westlake

Your Project Summary: Music Therapy & More is designed for families and children (0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. This hands-on program is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist, families learn together and receive a handout with suggested home activities. We will offer four sessions a month for eight months (32 sessions total).

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](#).



Kelsey Brown
(Los Angeles, CA)



Tré Hardin
(Nashville, TN)



Brittnie Knight
(Philadelphia, PA)



Katie Skayhan
(Boulder, CO)



Deidre Thomas
(Houston, TX)

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 application meets the funding criteria. This project is a great example of using arts as a medium for therapy. Programming provided to families for no fee allows for great accessibility to a community that will heavily benefit.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets and exceeds the funding criteria. I applaud the efforts of this organization to use arts and culture to equip participants with tools that produce meaningful and positive interactions at home. I wish families weren't limited to one visit per month, but I completely understand the capacity limitations with high demand. Keep up the great work!

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Comment: It is very clear the immediate audience for this program being children and their parents. The integration of a music therapist that also takes time to train the parents in attendance ensures that the audience is inclusive to both the target and their support system. Having already received grant funding, I do not doubt their implementation and financial maintenance of the program.

Panelist 4

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets the funding criteria. By limiting the sessions to 10 children, this program offers an intimate program that can help families with children who have developmental concerns. By offering an arena for like parents to connect, the program challenges the children and inspires families who may have before felt isolated. Using music therapy, families are engaged in a fun, artistic way, while forming strong connections. Having already received funding through grants, their project demonstrates financial/community backing so, the organization should be capable of managing the project.

Panelist 5

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes the project meets funding criteria. Public benefit -- CFK recognizes the need for parents to be able to work with their special needs child outside of school, and equips them to use music therapy as a way to connect. They also strive to facilitate the building of meaningful relationships between parents of the special needs children to offer support for these families. Artistic/cultural vibrancy -- CFK illustrates the qualifications of the professionals overseeing the program and their process of reflection through electronic surveys of participants. Perhaps this could be combined with the use of pre-surveys to better chart progress. Organizational capacity -- Goals are clear and set and post-surveys will give an opportunity to evolve

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