

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2019 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Lake Erie Native American Council

Your Project Title: Native American Culture Classes

Your Project Summary: The Cleveland Native American community is small, but mighty. In fact, approximately 34 percent of Native Americans in Ohio reside in Cuyahoga County. However, living in an urban setting can make passing down traditional knowledge difficult. LENAC will host pow wow dance and regalia-making lessons to pass down this invaluable knowledge; culminating with a program-end Pow Wow to showcase participants' hard work and share Native American culture with the Cuyahoga County residents.

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](#).



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: Yes

Comment: This project indicates strong public benefit to its immediate urban Native American constituency as well as to the larger community. Strong supporting evidence of community support and possible community engagement accompanies the application. Budget support is focused on the pow wow and as such reinforces the benefit of cultural performance and transfer.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets the funding criteria. The applicant demonstrates a deep understanding of their community and the Native American population surrounding them. This project is in response to the community's wants and needs. The public can greatly benefit from this event by learning more about the Native American culture and strengthening the culture itself. The event will inspire and challenge the community (both Native American and not) to think more in depth about the culture.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Comment: This project meets funding criteria. The proposal is well researched, indicating the organization's commitment to the project. The project has the potential to enrich the cultural life of all Cuyahoga County residents by preserving the region's history. The project is a response to direct needs in the community. Uplifting the Native American cultural traditions will directly contribute artistic and cultural vibrancy to the county. The organization's staff are highly capable to administer programs and raise funds.

Panelist 4

Score: Yes

Comment: Public Benefit: Clear sense of community- very interesting stat about the Native American community in Ohio. A clear need for projects serving this community. They expand to the general public because of the clear need for cultural sharing and education- they demonstrate this. (Love the testimonials- show real benefit!) Artistic & Cultural Vibrancy: Clear vibrancy. Working with professionals to bring clarity and freshness. Many different art forms are explored. Organizational Capacity: Strong leadership and volunteers. Very strong partners with

larger institutions in the area. Great to see the Neighborhood Connections relationship and plan if funds do not come through.

Panelist 5

Score: Yes

Comment: Yes, this application meets the funding criteria. Public Benefit: The Lake Erie Native American Council serves a very specific community and is aware of the needs of the community; providing programming that is a direct response to surveys conducted. Artistic and Cultural Vibrancy: This is powerful programming that addresses cultural and historical issues; and brings together community. It encourages youth and other participants to think creatively about heritage and culture through a multidisciplinary approach. Organizational Capacity: The community partnerships are strong and the testimonials provided display the wide array of support for this program. They have a clear plan for growth and fundraising.

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