

## PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



### AfricaHouse International

**Your Project Title:** AHI Arts & Culture Presents African Children's Choir

**Your Project Summary:** Our organization would like to host the African Children's Choir. The African children's choir would teach our youth songs, share songs they may know together, and teach the dances that go with the songs in a workshop format with youth from our neighborhood and two local church choirs. The African Children's Choir will perform in a finale community concert free and open to the general public. The African children's choir would stay in Cleveland at Africa House or/and the church for two nites.

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

**CAC Grant Amount: \$4,000**

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](#).



**Shalina Ali**  
(Milwaukee, WI)



**Autumn Saxton-Ross**  
(Washington, DC)



**Alena Leonatti**  
(Santa Barbara, CA)

Below you will find the panel's scores and any feedback 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:** No

Amount requested is more than 50% of total project budget and the budget doesn't match up (Finance Form refers to 15k to be raised) so project total is not clear. It is also not clear if funding is just to bring choir or to create events around the choir's visit.

## Panelist 2

**Score:** Somewhat

This project somewhat meets the funding criteria. The overarching goals of this project offer public benefit. AHI grasps its community's demographics; they respect and respond to the community by connecting the community with ACC via collaborative workshop and free concert to promote interest in African arts and culture. However, some elements are hazy. Auditions for local children are mentioned, yet Calvary children's choir of 10-12 kids will interact with the guest artists. Is AHI creating a new community choir or expanding an existing one? Funding a second group of artists is brought up later on, but not at the outset, and the requested \$5000 is 100% of the reported expenses instead of 50%.

## Panelist 3

**Score:** Yes

Questions? Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is here to assist. Please contact:

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