

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Big Creek Connects

Your Project Title: Big Creek Watershed Awareness and Stream Monitoring Program

Your Project Summary: Big Creek Connects will lead Cleveland Public Library patrons on educational tours from their branch library to Big Creek to monitor the stream's physical, chemical and biological characteristics. Along the way, patrons will learn about historic and existing land uses and their environmental, social and economic impacts to Big Creek, the Cuyahoga River, and Lake Erie.

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: \$2,000

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](#).



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(Washington, DC)



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(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: Yes

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

This project meets the funding criteria. BCC empowers its community through place-based community engagement. Public benefit is clearly demonstrated in the way BCC mobilizes qualified local agencies and engages the public. They promise a lasting impact by employing professionals to teach sampling techniques, bundling skills with a sense of stewardship. The community will surely feel inspired and challenged with this interactive, artistic and culturally vibrant program. The project is modeled after a similar, successful program, illustrating BCC is aware that a larger community exists and intends to connect with those not currently served; they will leverage the summer academic break to reach them. BCC demonstrates proficient organizational capacity and budgeting.

Panelist 3

Score: Somewhat

Clear goals and plan of project, demonstrated connection to proposed program partners. Community is referred to very generally, with no specifics of community surrounding 3 libraries targeted for summer program. Capacity to do the work is obvious, how their communities are connected or drive the work is not.

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