Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank

Your Project Title: Literacy Brought to Life: Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank-Cleveland Bureau of Cultural Arts Partnership

Your Project Summary: Each summer, talented urban youth audition for spots in the City of Cleveland Division of Recreation’s Bureau of Cultural Arts Showagon group, a performing arts troupe that appears on a mobile stage unit across the city from June - August. We are partnering with the Bureau of Cultural Arts to integrate literacy into their Showagon performances to overtly deliver the message to audiences about the importance of summer reading.

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

CAC Grant Amount: $3,000

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.

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

This project meets the funding criteria by demonstrating that it understands, respects, works with, and responds to its community. The project could benefit by reaching out to expand its community funders. Would also be beneficial to consider alternative assessment measures beyond the commitments from participating groups that they will attend the event. A pre/post survey to participants may aid in assessing measurable outcomes for success.

Panelist 2

**Score:** Yes

Great project. I love seeing the inclusion of the literary arts in the city and the involvement of local artists and children in the productions.

Panelist 3

**Score:** Yes

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

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