Cleveland Leadership Center

**Your Project Title:** Connecting and Engaging through Arts & Culture Sessions

**Your Project Summary:** Arts & Culture Sessions are a key feature of several CLC programs that help shape current and future leaders. Participants experience rich and diverse arts offerings, learn how the arts contribute to economic development and neighborhood revitalization, and engage in meaningful conversation with diverse groups of artists and arts organization leaders across the community. Participants can use the experience to serve as advocates for the arts and engage others in the community’s creativity.

**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.

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 is an excellent way to engage young and emerging future community leaders to gain an appreciation of the arts and hopefully be willing to either get involved with art organizations in the future and or be willing to connect them with resources needed to support public art. This is the type of program that will encourage more community leaders to become involved with the arts.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

CAC’s funding criteria are strongly met in this proposal. It is admirable that arts and culture play such a large role in your training programs and significant that you take your trainees out into communities transformed by the arts rather than limit their interaction to in-class lectures; your arts programming partners are most impressive. Your annual report is an excellent indicator of the reach of your programs and of the strong and diverse financial and leadership support that your organization receives. It would have been helpful to give specific examples of the backgrounds of previous participants. A few more “testimonials” from participants would strengthen your proposal even more.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Clearly articulated proposal that fits well within the scoring criteria. My only recommendation would be to include work samples that better display the strength of the arts programming.

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

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