

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Connecting for Kids of Westlake, OH

Your Project Title: Music Therapy & More

Your Project Summary: Music Therapy & More is designed for families and children (0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. This hands-on program is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist, families learn together and receive a handout with suggested home activities. We will offer four sessions a month for eight months (32 sessions total).

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](#).



Maxine Gaiber
(Philadelphia, PA)



**Kirkston Tyrone
Spann**
(Chicago, IL)



Rishard Allen
(Indianapolis, IN)

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 a great program that demonstrates how art can be used to improve the quality of life for a person and their family.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

This program more than meets CAC funding criteria. Its continuing success and growth indicates its importance to its clearly defined community and demonstrates that it is providing a needed service to the participating families. The proposal was clear and the carefully selected supporting materials, from quotes from participants to handouts and videos, augmented the project description and really made the program come alive.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Program is very compelling - my only desire would be for the project goal to be more specific to this particular program and those learning outcomes. Otherwise, great program and well-articulated proposal.

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

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