

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Cuyahoga River Community Planning

Your Project Title: River Day 2020

Your Project Summary: River Day 2020 will feature more than a dozen events and activities on the Cuyahoga River, her tributaries, and Lake Erie, where thousands of people come together to clear trash, plant native species, remove invasive plants, canoe, kayak, paddleboard, row, sail, bike, hike, tour, and learn about the history and nature of northeast Ohio's water resources.

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](#).



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: Yes

I'd like to see how you will intentionally recruit from communities that historically have low participation with River Day.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

River Day 2020 meets the funding criteria. CRR defines the community adequately (by geography and affinity), although it is on the general side. CRR shows Public Benefit by prioritizing free tours and activities to maximize participation. Additionally, multiple, cohesive events will forge relationships among community members and partners and connect residents with their ecological community. Artistic and Cultural Vibrancy is certainly shown- this quality project will inspire its community and promote reflection. CRR demonstrates Organizational Capacity with a clear, measurable goal; realistic budget and event promotion; and recruiting qualified, professional staff and partners.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Specific about it's community- those living near river and who engage with it and surrounding nature. There is a clear goal and way to track, clear articulation of wanting to use the river to reconnect, versus divide communities. Budget is clear, evident where CAC funds will be used to support program.

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

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