

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Far West Center

Your Project Title: Open Art Studio - Supporting Recovery from Serious Mental Illness via Creative Art Expression.

Your Project Summary: Weekly Open Art Studio sessions help clients with major mental illness who struggle with isolation, poor communication skills, and low self-image. The Open Art Studio is a welcoming, nonclinical setting for self-guided art experiences promoting recovery. Through creative art methods, clients discover their talents, strengths, abilities and potential. By creating their own art, clients learn to enjoy, imagine, relax, trust, hope, and relate – key elements of a mentally healthy lifestyle.

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](#).



McKenzi Swinehart
(Columbus, OH)



Lisa Harper Chang
(Arlington, VA)



Sherman Fleming
(Philadelphia, PA)

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

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Very strong application. Only caution against the use of a vague term like "under served" unless it is quickly followed by more detailed description of ways in which population is under served. Good support information--particularly the client vignettes.

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

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