

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Hummingbird Project

Your Project Title: Sowing Seeds of Community Resilience

Your Project Summary: The Sowing Seeds of Community Resilience project will inspire an alliance of local seed savers by hosting seed swaps, educational events and speakers who are leaders in the field. CSB serves as a community resource by providing seeds, instruction and a locally produced seed saving guide. Our mission is to build community around seed saving and develop a regional alliance of seed savers dedicated to the creation of a locally adapted seed supply.

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

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

This project meets CAC's criteria. CSB's emphasis on a free, all-inclusive event, resident-community partnership building, and desire to work with a diverse community are tallies for public benefit. This event is clearly community-driven. The way CSB defines their community is a bit sweeping, although perhaps fair enough. It would be great to see more vivid demographics cited and show how that information might be used to expand their current community's latitude. SSCR is artistically and culturally vibrant with inspiring professional speakers, new plant variety discoveries, plus challenging new ways to think about food systems. Clear planning as a team and setting a measurable, intelligently doable goal display organizational capacity.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Very intriguing project and great to see that it is using existing public spaces to connect to existing "seeders" and others. Would have been great to know more about their community- of the 400 folks/members that have attended, where do they live? Demographics? Maybe add a brief membership survey to know more about your community to give insight on how to grow.

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

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