

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Lake Erie Native American Council

Your Project Title: Native American Culture Classes

Your Project Summary: The Cleveland Native American community is small, but mighty. In fact, approximately 28 percent of Native Americans in Ohio reside in Northeast Ohio. However, living in an urban setting can make passing down traditional knowledge difficult. LENAC will host pow wow dance lessons and cultural classes to pass down this invaluable knowledge; culminating with a program-end Pow Wow to showcase participants' hard work and share Native American culture with the Cuyahoga County residents.

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](#).



Katie Skayhan
(Beaverton, OR)



Martin Leyva
(San Marcos, CA)



**LaShawnda Crowe
Storm**
(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

The many nations/tribes mentioned is important. Diverse group of indigenous folks.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

The project strongly aligns with CAC's funding criteria. The identification of the community's need for this kind of cultural program is well articulated and compelling. The project creates critical space for Native culture to flourish and raise awareness about identity in Cuyahoga County. The program builds important bridges between Native and non-Native community members. I would like to see more specific numbers next to the budget items, but I think the narrative clearly demonstrates organizational capacity and a diversity of perspectives.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

I really appreciate the focus on cross generational connections and rebirthing of a beloved community effort that is vital to the broader Cuyahoga County community as a whole. I like that you are growing and strengthening connections / partnerships both within your community and across silos. I think the choice to focus your efforts and offer a mini pow wow instead of large full scale one, is sensible in terms of both the fiscal and capacity fronts, but also allows for you expand as you continue to grow your work.

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

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