

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



New Avenues to Independence

Your Project Title: Integrating Individuals with Disabilities and the Community through Music and Art

Your Project Summary: New Avenues will put on three public events featuring musical performances and artwork by our individuals. We will also create a new four-person Guitar Ensemble, which will meet the personal interests of several of our individuals. This project will showcase the creativity of the men and women we serve, expand awareness in the community of the ability of individuals with disabilities to create art and perform, and assist our individuals in becoming more integrated into the community.

Final Score: Yes. Overall, the panel felt that the applicant provided evidence throughout the application that the funding criteria were met.

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,354

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](#).



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(Philadelphia, PA)



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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 program is a good example of how art can be used to not only assist people in addressing their physical and emotional needs, but also providing culture to a community. This is a good use of CAC funds.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

The project meets CAC funding criteria. It has been carefully planned and builds on prior offerings of the organization. It engages well-qualified instructors and its internship program reveals its commitment to training future leaders. New Avenues demonstrates that it has formed strong partnerships with other organizations. Support materials could have stronger. An annual report and/or link to the organization's website would have been helpful in understanding the organization's offerings. It is also recommended that audience responses be obtained through a brief survey distributed at events; this should prove helpful in planning future programs and obtaining funding.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

This project more than meets CAC's funding criteria. I appreciate the specificity in all of the responses, especially as it relates to the community served. Would only recommend: (1) submitting stronger work samples, and (2) pursuing a loftier goal or re-framing the current goal (e.g. grow the audience by 20%).

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

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