

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS 2020 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Westown Community Development Corporation

Your Project Title: 2020 Westown Neighborhood Arts & Culture Programming

Your Project Summary: In 2020 WCDC will continue its partnerships with NEO Arts & Culture Performers & Artists, area schools and our advisory members representing Cleveland Public Library, City of Cleveland Department of Recreation, CPD Community Engagement Officers, Horizon Educational Center, Oak Street Health to bring free diverse arts & culture programming for children to our neighborhood. WCDC will raise 25K in sponsorships including in-kind donations for its 2020 programming.

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 am interested in learning how there could be an economic component involved in the service to the community.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Clear established partners, connection with the community through housing and data on demographics of community. Advisory board are members of the community. Plan to accomplish goals could be more well defined, as well as matching funds section. Organization has capacity to do the work.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

This project meets CAC's funding criteria. Impressive detail in identifying their community. They show a deep respect for and devotion to working with the community to meet its needs. They explain that A&C programming has become an increasingly important part of their budget, indicating their organization evolves alongside the community. WCDC proved their ability to build meaningful relationships with residents and community partners in 2019 and the 2020 continuation should only augment these connections. Although they do not present a hard lineup of the programming, the case for artistic and cultural vibrancy is strong. Organizational capacity is fully demonstrated; the goal, especially, is prudent, measurable, and cogently delivered.

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

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