

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



America Asian Pacific Islander Organization

Your Project Title: Aloha Hawai'i theater performance and Luau event.

Your Project Summary: A Hawaiian Cultural performance and event open to all who has an interest in Asian, Polynesian, & Pacific Islander culture, dance and music.

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

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,000

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](#).



Chip Moody
(Chicago, IL)



Drew Digby
(Duluth, MN)



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

Love the event. I would say be very mindful of how the culture is portrayed when advertising and discussing this work. On a subconscious level the culture becomes "othered." For example, "The organization will provide an exciting & unique experience to the public with an exotic break from " Winter Blues." This statement implies that somehow dominant culture is more "normal," and "acceptable." This language devalues the beauty of the culture.

Panelist 2

Score: Somewhat

I do think the project has public benefit and enough artistic and cultural vibrancy and organizational capacity to be viable. Even though the funding criteria for raising and matching funds seems to be pending a lot of support

Panelist 3

Score: Somewhat

I think this is a great project. I wish I could see more evidence of the connection to the Asian Pacific Islander community in Cuyahoga County. I believe it's there, but I don't see that connection in the application.

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

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