

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Cleveland TOPS Swingband

Your Project Title: Keeping Seniors Swinging! Music By Seniors, For Seniors (& Juniors Too !)

Your Project Summary: Cleveland TOPS Swigband is committed to providing Big Band style, live musical performances to seniors in senior living facilities, senior centers, and other accessible venues. We continue throughout the year to share that inherently American musical style with today's youth by collaborating with select schools and community recreational facilities with concerts and inter-generational workshops.

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](#).



Stevi Knighton
(Columbus, OH)



Katie Skayhan
(Boulder, CO)



Lawrence Jackson
(Tuscaloosa, AL)

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 goals are set, but no clear assessment regarding how those goals will be achieved is provided. The goal is to perform at least 12 concerts for seniors/2 intergenerational events...how will you achieve this? The applicant should also consider quality assessment surveys to provide to viewers/concertgoers to assess the quality of work performed by the performers. Will there be a contingency plan, should the band be denied the ability to perform in nursing homes due to the challenges faced by the global pandemic? This could be addressed within the proposal to ensure the success of the project, given the current challenges with producing in person work.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

niche program. excellent application of understanding it's community and audience

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

I love this creative aging and intergenerational project! It's so clear you know your community and the value of music-making for social connectedness.

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

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