

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Far West Center

Your Project Title: The Open Art Studio - Supporting Recovery from Serious Mental Illness via Creative Art Expression.

Your Project Summary: Weekly Open Art Studio sessions help clients with major mental illness who struggle with isolation, poor communication skills, and low self-image. The Open Art Studio is a welcoming, nonclinical setting for self-guided art experiences promoting recovery. Through creative art methods, clients learn to enjoy, imagine, relax, trust, hope and relate - key elements of a mentally healthy lifestyle. Our art methods help and heal client struggles and challenges in unique and powerful ways.

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

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

The project demonstrates a strong understanding of the community it serves and a commitment to sharing power. I appreciated learning more about the people involved and the history of the center. I love this sentiment that "art begins at our front door" - you have developed a thoughtful program that enhances your clinical work.

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

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