

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



Malachi Center

Your Project Title: Unity in the Community

Your Project Summary: Unity in the Community is a free community arts and safety fair. Member's of Malachi Center's Youth Club spend the year prior to the event, planning the event, preparing displays, and creating art and artistic presentations that are showcased at the event.

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

CAC Grant Amount: \$4,500

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](#).



Christopher Auda in
(Chicago, IL)



Leslie Holt
(Washington, DC)



Lisa Harper Chang
(Huntsville, 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 application meets funding criteria. The public benefit altogether also seems strong, working with youth and homeless people, addressing inequality in the project, and working under the umbrella of "unity". One area that needs improvement is the idea that low income people "lack access to fun, cultural events." This can be addressed by focusing on the benefits of your project, not on what low income people lack. Being free does help with access. It is clear and evident in other areas of the application that there is an intention to work with disenfranchised people of color and provide them with a worthwhile experience.

Panelist 2

Score: Yes

Strong public benefit is shown by allowing the youth plan and implement the event. Glass blowing is a unique medium for kids to work with so that sounds like a great partnership. I'm curious about how community members find out about both the opportunity for kids and the event itself. Overall great application.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

Overall a great application and interesting project with potential for profound impact on its stakeholders. Really appreciate the youth development aspects of this project. You mention several times being a "place where diverse members of community come together...building...relationships." Would love some more detail on those relationships, how they evolve, how you are assessing that piece. It didn't impact my score but I would recommend proofreading before submitting.

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