

PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



PALS for Healing

Your Project Title: Art therapy during challenging times.

Your Project Summary: In response to the stress of COVID-19, racial tension, trauma, and loss we are adapting individual and group art therapy to continue to make healing through art-making accessible to those who need it in a safe manner.

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](#).



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

I really appreciate seeing the credentials of the instructors. The experience of those providing these services is crucial to their effectiveness. One way to improve the application is to show what has been learned already through the program and how its been adapted because of that work.

Panelist 2

Score: Somewhat

You all are doing incredible work with incredible people. I think that because it already seems likely that the program will succeed without the support not much specificity by way of funding criteria was given.

Panelist 3

Score: Yes

I am inspired about your focus on addressing the trauma of racism. This is such important work and is often overlooked, as well as the impact of the arts to support mental health wellness. As such, I would introduce you to the work of Dr. Riana Elyse Anderson, who specializes in working with youth and their families around Race-based Trauma. She's based in Detroit, MI.

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

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