

## PANEL RESULTS & COMMENTS

### 2021 PROJECT SUPPORT II



#### Refresh Collective

**Your Project Title:** Stories of Struggle and Success (Volume 2)

**Your Project Summary:** Stories of Struggle and Success (Volume 2) is the 2nd part of a series initially funded by CAC in 2018 and 2019 to unify people through our common, everyday struggles while sharing the hope we've found on our individual journeys. This multi-generational, multi-skill level hip-hop program nurtures individual artists and stimulates community conversations about mental, physical, emotional, social and spiritual health through original music and video production as well as virtual events.

**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**

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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

This is an awesome youth development and arts program! I enjoyed reading about how it has grown over the last few years, and I love how you layer in multi-generational storytelling and mentorship. I also love how music is used as a tool for healing and self-expression. The project demonstrates a clear understanding of the community and an authentic, intentional effort to share power. I found the testimonials from participants and those impacted to be extremely powerful and a testament to the impactful work you are doing with the community.

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

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