



PANEL CHAIR JULIA ARGER: FY19 PROJECT GRANTS

The Grant Review Panel charged with reviewing FY19 Project Grants convened in a public meeting at the Nevada Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada on May 22, 2018.

For complete bios of this year's panelists, please see the additional documents. This year's panelists were:

Shelly Gilbride, Programs Officer, California Arts Council – Sacramento, CA

Charlie Seemann, Executive Director Emeritus, Western Folklife Center - Elko, NV

Michael Sweney, Art in Public Places Program Manager, Washington State Arts Commission - Olympia, WA

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- The panelists reviewed and scored 16 Project Grant Applications
- The funding available for this category in FY19 is \$41,375
- The total request for funding was \$95,636
- After panel review and scoring, the total recommended funding is \$69,866
- To honor the thoughtful review and scoring of each application, the panel's recommendation is to apply a 40.8% cut across the board to meet the available funding of \$41,375

*Please note that one applicant for the Project grant received a score below NAC 60% threshold for funding. This threshold was determined by the NAC Board at the April 2013 Board Meeting. The Children's Museum of Northern Nevada received an average score of 35.

GENERAL PROJECT PANEL COMMENTS:

Panelists were a little bit confused regarding the 2 budget forms (one within the application that we had to use with GO Smart and one additional custom budget form that was uploaded to the support material). They also noted that they would have liked to see full organizational budgets for all applicants. In the budget spreadsheet, the panelists would have liked to see more applicants give a full breakdown of artist fees to see exactly how much each artist was getting paid. Although the evaluation forms and narrative questions were helpful, the panelists would have liked to see the results of past evaluations as well. Overall the panelists provided substantive commentary and constructive suggestions for improvement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments in person or via email for the Project Grants panel.

PANEL COMMENTS FOR NAC:

After the panel completed the review process, we asked for their comments regarding the Nevada Arts Council's online grants application system, the review process and any other issue that they chose to share. Here's a sampling:

- The GO SMART system worked fine, but some panelists would have liked to be able to score on the website instead of using paper score sheets
- They felt the orientation webinar and panel binder was very helpful and communicated all necessary information
- Overall, panelists liked having the meeting at the legislature, but some felt it lent an air of formality that may have stifled some more organic conversation about the applications
- Scoring rubric was helpful, but may have been too detailed as it didn't leave much room for interpretation
- In general, panelists enjoyed having a mix of in-state and out-of-state panelists, and said it contributed to objectivity and fairness to have different perspectives

SCORING REVIEW:

NAC staff will now facilitate the scoring review for the FY19 Project grants. Please see the included Project score spreadsheet.

SIERRA SCOTT:

FY19 Project grants (List Name and Final Recommended amount)

BOARD CHAIR JULIA ARGER:

Motion and approval of funding for FY19 Project Grants.

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Applicant Number	Applicant Name	City	Amount Requested	Scores			Average Score	Av. Funding %	Recommended Amount	Funding Scenario 1	Actual Funding
				SG	CS	MS					
19:0:01 - 190004	KIZUNA JAPANESE SOCIETY	Henderson	6,500.00	80	93	73	82.0	82.0%	5,330.00	\$ 3,156.45	\$ 3,156
19:0:02 - 190005	OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	Las Vegas	6,500.00	82	63	75	73.3	73.3%	4,766.67	\$ 2,822.85	\$ 2,823
19:0:03 - 190006	HENDERSON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES	Henderson	3,500.00	68	72	67	69.0	69.0%	2,415.00	\$ 1,430.18	\$ 1,430
19:0:04 - 190007	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN NEVADA	Carson City	6,500.00	80	82	78	80.0	80.0%	5,200.00	\$ 3,079.47	\$ 3,079
19:0:05 - 190008	SIERRA NEVADA COLLEGE	Incline Village	6,500.00	78	90	78	82.0	82.0%	5,330.00	\$ 3,156.45	\$ 3,156
19:0:06 - 190009	UNR - BOARD OF REGENTS NSHE (SCHOOL OF THE ARTS)	Reno	6,500.00	88	83	83	84.7	84.7%	5,503.33	\$ 3,259.10	\$ 3,259
19:0:07 - 190011	UNLV - MARJORIE BARRICK MUSEUM OF ART	Las Vegas	6,500.00	83	71	79	77.7	77.7%	5,048.33	\$ 2,989.65	\$ 2,990
19:0:08 - 190013	NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION	Carson City	6,500.00	75	76	76	75.7	75.7%	4,918.33	\$ 2,912.66	\$ 2,913
19:0:09 - 190014	RENOWN HEALTH FOUNDATION	Reno	6,500.00	80	57	77	71.3	71.3%	4,636.67	\$ 2,745.86	\$ 2,746
19:0:10 - 190015	UNLV - BOARD OF REGENTS NSHE (SCHOOL OF MUSIC)	Las Vegas	6,500.00	66	84	82	77.3	77.3%	5,026.67	\$ 2,976.82	\$ 2,977
19:0:11 - 190016	NEVADA HUMANITIES	Reno	6,500.00	89	84	85	86.0	86.0%	5,590.00	\$ 3,310.43	\$ 3,310
19:0:12 - 190017	FRIENDS OF DANGBERG HOME RANCH	Minden	6,500.00	65	56	68	63.0	63.0%	4,095.00	\$ 2,425.08	\$ 2,425
19:0:13 - 190019	THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NORTHERN NV	Carson City	4,121.00	30	33	42	35.0	35.0%	-	\$ -	\$ -
19:0:14 - 190021	LAS VEGAS CELTIC SOCIETY	Las Vegas	6,500.00	76	54	75	68.3	68.3%	4,441.67	\$ 2,630.38	\$ 2,630
19:0:15 - 190023	TOWN OF TONOPAH	Tonopah	3,515.00	88	86	74	82.7	82.7%	2,905.73	\$ 1,720.79	\$ 1,721
19:0:16 - 190024	CHANNEL 5 PUBLIC BROADCASTING	Reno	6,500.00	67	94	54	71.7	71.7%	4,658.33	\$ 2,758.69	\$ 2,759
	TOTAL REQUESTED		95,636.00	Total Recommended					69,866	41,374.86	\$ 41,374
	TOTAL AVAILABLE		41,374.86	Total Available					41,374.86		
	% Available to Amount Requested		43.3%	% Avail/Recom					59.2%		
				% Cut					40.8%		