



## GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

**December 4, 2024**

**Ashe' Powerhouse Theatre | 1731 Baronne Street | New Orleans, LA 70113  
3:30 PM**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Angie Simon

Demond Melancon

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Susan Brennan

**NOTCF STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Alexis (President), Tiffany Jackson (Deputy Director), Klervae Stinson, M. A. (Program Director), Janna Jackson (Senior Accountant), Rosalyn Sanders (Grants Manager), Kissie Matthews (Office Manager), and Abbey Caruso (UNO Graduate Assistant)

**Angie** called the meeting to order at 3:41 PM.

Angie moved to approve the August 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Demond seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Angie presented a chart (see next page) with the averaged application scores and recommended amounts for the 18 grant proposal packets before scoring each application. The committee recommended approvals for scores 70 and up. Lisa shared that possible changes to the Grants Program process would be discussed during the following Board of Directors meeting. For public comment, an applicant requested feedback on their application. Klervae shared resources on how to receive feedback. Angie motioned to adjourn, and Demond seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.



| December 2024 Grant Review Committee Scores             |  |                  |                      |  |                                  |                       |                                       |
|---|--|------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Organization Name                                       | Program Name   | Requested Amount | Average Matirx Score | Scores 70 and above are approved for funding | Average Recommended Award Amount | Approved by Committee | Approval Needed by Board of Directors |
| Iris Community Development INC.                         | Celebrating the Good Life - A BonVi and Eternal Seeds Community Development Project  | \$80,000.00      | 64                   | Denied                                       |                                  |                       |                                       |
| Geaux Healthy   | Vegan 2 The Soul Food & Lifestyle Festival and Vegan Restaurant Week   | \$70,250.00      | 67                   | Denied                                       |                                  |                       |                                       |
| Loyola University New Orleans                           | Loyola University New Orleans' Office of Professional and Continuing Studies (PACS) Professional Tour Guiding Classes                                      | \$23,980.00      | 70                   | Approved                                     | \$20,650.00                      |                       | \$20,650.00                           |
| The Roots of Music                                      | The Marching Crusaders: 2025 Mardi Gras Parade Season  | \$100,000.00     | 82                   | Approved                                     | \$73,333.33                      |                       | \$73,333.33                           |
| Dew Drop Inn  | The Dew Drop Legacy Experience   | \$100,000.00     | 72                   | Approved                                     | \$46,666.66                      |                       | \$46,666.66                           |
| Longue Vue House and Gardens                            | Longue Vue and the Ellen Shipman Design Legacy   | \$100,000.00     | 76                   | Approved                                     | \$46,666.66                      |                       | \$46,666.66                           |
| Bummer Lamb Pictures, LLC                               | Talking Tiki Documentary Film Post-Production  | \$50,000.00      | 78                   | Approved                                     | \$33,333.33                      |                       | \$33,333.33                           |
| Perspective Pictures LLC                                | BE   | \$75,000.00      | 84                   | Approved                                     | \$47,333.33                      |                       | \$47,333.33                           |
| Kim Vaz-Deville for the Baby Dolls of New Orleans       | New Orleans Mardi Gras Baby Doll Maskers Recapturing Louisiana Afro Creole Language and Culture  | \$85,590.00      | 65                   | Denied                                       |                                  |                       |                                       |
| New Orleans Ballet, Inc. DBA New Orleans Ballet Theatre | NOBT's 2025 Season   | \$55,000.00      | 86                   | Approved                                     | \$36,666.66                      |                       | \$36,666.66                           |
| Krewe of Red Beans                                      | NOLA Mural Fest  | \$75,000.00      | 50                   | Denied                                       |                                  |                       |                                       |
| The Film Collaborative                                  | Bulbancha is a Place or What We Can Know About Edmond and Basile   | \$95,650.00      | 77                   | Approved                                     | \$56,666.66                      |                       | \$56,666.66                           |
| Better Family Life, Inc                                 | The Better Family Life Feather Fund  | \$100,000.00     | 73                   | Approved                                     | \$61,666.66                      |                       | \$61,666.66                           |
| New Orleans African American Museum                     | Welcome to the AfroFuture: Ancestral Odyssey   | \$100,000.00     | 82                   | Approved                                     | \$50,000.00                      |                       | \$50,000.00                           |
| New Orleans Poetry Festival, Inc.                       | 10th Annual New Orleans Poetry Festival  | \$15,000.00      | 84                   | Approved                                     | \$11,666.66                      | \$11,666.66           |                                       |
| NAACP ACT-SO NEW ORLEANS                                | NAACP ACT-SO New Orleans Mentorship and Talent Training Program  | \$88,600.00      | 77                   | Approved                                     | \$29,333.33                      |                       | \$29,333.33                           |
| LA Jazz Festival Foundation ("LAJFF")                   | New Orleans Cultural Immersion Experience with youth musicians and music teachers from Los Angeles' New Orleans Corridor: A Multimedia Educational Odyssey | \$68,029.00      | 73                   | Approved                                     | \$28,333.33                      |                       | \$28,333.33                           |
| The Tennessee Williams Theatre Company of New Orleans   | The Tennessee Williams Theatre Company 10th Anniversary Season   | \$65,500.00      | 79                   | Approved                                     | \$33,333.33                      |                       | \$33,333.33                           |
| <b>Total Awards</b>                                     |  |                  |                      |  | <b>\$575,649.94</b>              | <b>\$11,666.66</b>    | <b>\$563,983.28</b>                   |

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