



GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Zoom/Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angie Simon

Susan Brennan

Demond Melancon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

NOTCF STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Alexis (President), Tiffany Jackson (Deputy Director), Linda Jacques (Program Director), Klervae Stinson (Grants Manager)

Lisa Alexis called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Demond Melancon motioned to approve the December 15, 2021, meeting minutes. **Angie Simon** motioned second. Motion unanimously approved

Klervae Stinson provided details of the eight (8) grant proposal packets before scoring each application. Scoring and motions went as follows:

1. Second Line Arts Collective grant application is to sponsor their 2022 Sanaa Music Workshop. **Demond Melancon** motioned to approve the CANO application. **Susan Brennan** and **Angie Simon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—Second Line Arts Collective, Matrix Score 8.12, \$11,000.**
2. Island of Algiers Tours, LLC grant application requested funding for their New Orleans Cultural Leadership Intensive. **Angie Simon** motioned to approve the Island of Algiers Tours, LLC application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—Island of Algiers Tours, LLC, Matrix Score 6.8, \$42,870.**
3. New Orleans Children's Chorus grant proposal is to sponsor their 2022 Crescent City Choral Festival. **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve the New Orleans Children's Chorus application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—New Orleans Children's Chorus, Matrix Score 8.4, \$10,000.**

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4. Dancing Grounds proposal is to fund their annual Dance for Social Change Festival. **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve the Dancing Grounds application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—Dancing Grounds, Matrix Score 9.2, \$20,000.**
5. Point Productions, LLC dba Algiers Mardi Gras Festival requested sponsorship for the annual Algiers Mardi Gras Festival. **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve the Algiers Mardi Gras Festival application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—Algiers Mardi Gras Festival, Matrix Score 9.76, \$10,000.**
6. New Orleans Dance Collective's request for funding assists in their 2022 New Orleans Dance Project Workshop. **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve New Orleans Dance Collective application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—New Orleans Dance Collective, Matrix Score 7.8, \$15,000.**
7. New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation proposal seeks sponsorship for the annual New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation, Matrix Score 10, \$120,000.**
8. The Idea Village proposal is for their New Orleans Entrepreneur Week 2022 Web 3.0 and Culture Tech. The original request was for \$175,000, but **Klervae Stinson** gave the following explanation to the applicant as to why NOTCF cannot sponsor the initial requested amount, "Because NOTCF is a government entity, we cannot fund donations, awards, or scholarships. If any funding is awarded through our Grants Program to an organization or individual, they must render a service. Therefore, we cannot potentially fund the \$100,000 award to the winner of the Web 3.0 Challenge that is outlined in your grant application. However, we can potentially support the \$75,000 that are direct payments to artists and performers, and that is what the Grant Review Committee Members will review



in their scoring." **Susan Brennan** motioned to approve The Idea Village application. **Demond Melancon** motioned second. **The committee members unanimously approved the grant application for funding—The Idea Village, Matrix Score 9.5, \$75,000.**

Demond Melancon motioned to adjourn the meeting, and **Susan Brennan** motioned second. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.