



GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

April 16, 2025

**Louisiana Children's Museum | 15 Henry Thomas Dr | New Orleans, LA 70124
3:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Angie Simon

Susan Brennan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

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NOTCF STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Alexis (President), Tiffany Jackson (Deputy Director), Klervae Stinson, M.A. (Senior Programs Director), Janna Jackson (Senior Staff Accountant), Rosalyn Sanders (Grants Manager), Catherine Woodfox (Community Coordinator) Kissie Matthews (Office Manager), and Abbey Caruso (Content Coordinator)

Susan called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Susan moved to approve the December 4, 2024, meeting minutes. Angie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Susan presented a chart (see next page) with the averaged application scores and recommended amounts for the 20 grant proposal packets before scoring each application. The committee recommended approvals for scores 70 and up. Susan motioned to adjourn, and Angie seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.



April 2025 Grant Review Committee Scores							
Organization Name:	Program Name	Requested Amount	Average Matrix Score	Scores 70 and above are approved for funding	Average Recommended Award Amount	Approved by Committee	Approval Needed by Board of Directors
Xavier University Music Department	NOTCF- XULA Concert Series celebrating Xavier's Centennial	\$55,000.00	70	Approved	\$33,333.33		\$33,333.33
Anthony Bean Community Theater and Acting School	Anthony Bean Community Theater's Youth Film Program Teen Talk Empowering Reality TV Program	\$25,000.00	57	Denied			
A Bella LaFemme Society	HerSTORY, New Orleans Hidden Figures	\$50,000.00	53	Denied			
Artistic Creations	Dressing the Culture 2025/2026	\$40,000.00	48	Denied			
JDV Social Club	JDV Social Club	\$48,900.00	53	Denied			
New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute (NOCHI)	NOCHI's Signature Six-Month Certificate Programs in Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts	\$100,000.00	79	Approved	\$65,000.00		\$65,000.00
Guardians Institute	Donald Harrison, Sr. Museum Public Programs and Projects	\$100,000.00	76	Approved	\$38,333.33		\$38,333.33
1735 CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION	NOLA Repurposed: The Hurricane Katrina Museum	\$65,000.00	59	Denied			
5th Child Films LLC	Diva & Valentino Documentary	\$60,000.00	71	Approved	\$33,333.33		\$33,333.33
Bridgette Knowler Designs, LLC. DBA Drive-Bye-Karaoke	Drive-Bye-Karaoke, New Orleans Season 2	\$100,000.00	64	Denied			
Cajun Fire Brewing Company	New Orleans & Japan Craft Cultural Exchange	\$94,000.00	55	Denied			
The Idea Village	METRONOME Music Business and Culture-tech Accelerator	\$30,000.00	78	Approved	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
Cultural Curriculum Project	New Orleans Public School Cultural Field Trips	\$50,000.00	80	Approved	\$32,666.66		\$32,666.66
Black Bayou Cultural Heritage & Economic Development Association, Inc.	Buy You Black: Culture on the Line (previously titled "Community Guardians: Preserving Legacy on Bayou Road")	\$55,000.00	76	Approved	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
Crescent City Stage	Crescent City Stage 2025 Season Programming	\$60,000.00	80	Approved	\$36,666.66		\$36,666.66
Youth Stop Inc.	Beyond the Storm- A Look Back	\$100,000.00	87	Approved	\$38,333.33		\$38,333.33
Ellis Marsalis Center for Music (EMCM/The Center)	Women Uniting in Music and Culture: Cultural Exchange through a Collaborative Artist Residency featuring Women Culture Bearers of the Musicians' Village	\$100,000.00	85	Approved	\$46,666.66		\$46,666.66
Addis NOLA	Bayou Road Events	\$65,000.00	69	Denied			
Geaux Healthy	Vegan 2 The Soul Food & Lifestyle Festival and Vegan Restaurant Week	\$34,450.00	79	Approved	\$24,166.66		\$24,166.66
Second Line Arts Collective	2025 Sanaa Music Workshop	\$25,000.00	71	Approved	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
Total Awards					\$423,499.96		\$423,499.96



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