



GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2026

**Entergy Center | 1100 Poydras Street, 8th Floor Conference Room | New Orleans, LA 70113
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), Catherine Woodfox (Economic Development Coordinator), Kissie Matthews (Office Manager), and Abbey Caruso (Communications Coordinator), Caroline Istre (Graduate Assistant).

Susan called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM.

Susan moved to approve the December 3, 2025, 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. After scores were reviewed, Susan moved to ask for an additional review for the denied applications. Susan motioned to adjourn, and Angie seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.



April 2026 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
The Neighborhood Story Project	Reprint of Fire in the Hole: The Spirit Work of Fi Yi Yi and the Mandingo Warriors	\$30,000.00	57	Denied			
GAUDANSE INC	nanibu part II	\$24,500.00	76	Approved	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00	
Capoeira & Brazilian Cultural Arts Center	Capoeira & Community: A Year of Cultural Exchange & Performance	\$30,000.00	82	Approved	\$21,666.67		\$21,666.67
UNTITLED NEW ORLEANS SAUNA FILM, LLC	The Only Banya This Far South (Working Title)	\$29,993.10	52	Denied			
Tekrema Center for Art and Culture	Tekrema Youth Dance Arts and Humanities Education Program	\$30,000.00	54	Denied			
New Orleans Arts and Cultural Host Committee	The 2026 Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp and Louis Armstrong Academy Year-Round Programming	\$25,000.00	82	Approved	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Neutral Ground Coffeehouse	Neutral Ground Coffeehouse's youth mentorship and education program	\$30,000.00	59	Denied			
Robert Pate Ministries	Musicians Hoop Fest NOLA	\$25,000.00	61	Denied			
Holy Cross School	The Music Academy - Piano Lab	\$29,050.00	61	Denied			
Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras	Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras 31st Season 2025 - 2026	\$30,000.00	65	Denied			
New Orleans African American Museum	The Ones Who Returned: Black Artists, Katrina, and the Rebuilding of New Orleans	\$30,000.00	74	Approved	\$23,333.33		\$23,333.33
Emergency Legal Responders	(Free) Disaster and Emergency Legal and Financial Preparedness Workshops for New Orleans Artists	\$15,000.00	59	Denied			
International WOW Company	THE WELCOME TABLE	\$30,000.00	79	Approved	\$19,666.67	\$19,666.67	
The Artisan Alliance	Dreams & Distractions: Youth in Performance	\$25,000.00	65	Denied			
The Major Factor Spiritual Enrichment Center	The Scent of a Woman: Honoring and Elevating Women Culture Bearers of New Orleans	\$10,000.00	52	Denied			
				Total	\$102,166.67		

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