



GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
December 3, 2025
Ashé Powerhouse Theater | 1731 Baronne St. | 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), Rosalyn Sanders (Grants Manager), Catherine Woodfox (Economic Development Coordinator), Kissie Matthews (Office Manager), and Abbey Caruso (Communications Coordinator).

Susan called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM.

Susan moved to approve the August 13, 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. Susan motioned to adjourn, and Angie seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM.



December 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
RocFre\$h	Roc the Float: Youth Mardi Gras Cultural Activation	\$51,960.00	56	Denied			
I AM GLOBAL HOLDINGS, LLC	I Am: Culture Connected Summit	\$100,000.00	55	Denied			
Passion Dance Center	Passion for the Arts & Culture Conference	\$75,000.00	69	Denied			
Art Camp 504	Art Camp 504: 10th Anniversary Summer Celebration	\$30,000.00	77	Approved	\$18,333.33	\$18,333.33	
New Orleans Video Access Center	Pre-Apprenticeship Program	\$50,000.00	82	Approved	\$29,333.33		\$29,333.33
The New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts	Academy On Wheels	\$20,000.00	75	Approved	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Donnean B Inl Couture LLC	Sweet Spot Couture Expose	\$47,210.00	54	Denied			
Algiers Music and Artist Studio Foundation	Algiers Creative Collective	\$100,000.00	78	Approved	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00
Homer Plessy Community Schools	Plessy Marching Unit	\$13,000.00	81	Approved	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Artistic Creations	Dressing the Culture	\$40,000.00	51	Denied			
Tipitina's	Tipitina's Free Friday Summer Concert Series	\$48,000.00	83	Approved	\$18,333.33	\$18,333.33	
Dancing Grounds	Dance for Social Change	\$20,000.00	78	Approved	\$16,666.67	\$16,666.67	
Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM)	Engaging Families in Year-Round Culture & Heritage Programming and Experiences at the Louisiana Children's Museum	\$95,820.00	83	Approved	\$48,333.33		\$48,333.33
NAACP ACT-SO New Orleans	NAACP ACT-SO New Orleans Mentorship and Talent Training Program	\$83,507.00	82	Approved	\$41,666.67		\$41,666.67
Marigny Opera House Foundation	Marigny Opera Ballet – World Premiere: Season 12, Program 2	\$15,000.00	76	Approved	\$13,333.33	\$13,333.33	
Afrobeat Nola LLC	Taste of Africa Festival	\$100,000.00	73	Approved	\$18,333.33	\$18,333.33	
Jean Appolon Expressions	Pouvwa: Visions of Power Rooted in Haiti and New Orleans	\$91,500.00	52	Denied			
DiversiTea Divas	DiversiTea High School Tea Talk (Pilot)	\$50,000.00	71	Approved	\$16,666.67	\$16,666.67	
New Orleans Ballet Association	NOBA Presents the Spring Concert Series	\$65,000.00	85	Approved	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
BODYART Connects	International Dance Festival New Orleans	\$40,000.00	79	Approved	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00
				Total	\$337,999.99		



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