



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

REPORT OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

GRETCHEN WHARTON, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The CAH Grants Committee met via Webex on December 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Wharton at 2:37 pm with a quorum present. Committee members Wharton, Banks, Torres, Barry, Menkiti, and Van Lee were in attendance; committee members Floyd and Rooney were absent.

The Committee reports the following to the Full Commission:

FY23 UPDATES

FY23 Capacity Building Grant

- Success of the FY2022 Capacity Building Program
- FY22 Capacity building grant only open to GOS applicants; FY23 will be open to new applicants
- CAH has built a solid network of consultants

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- FY23 Facilities and Buildings: Mortgage and Rent Relief is set to close on December 20, 2022
- Conducted two workshops and two live chats
- Applications are on track with FY22

FY24 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Review

- Review process of FY24 Fellowship Program underway
 - Recommendations will be submitted during the January Grants Committee meeting
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CONSIDERATIONS / DECISIONS

FY24 GOS Recommendation

- Fund all eligible applicants. GOS has funded all eligible applicants for the past three cycles: FY21, FY22, and FY23. Pre-pandemic, a cut-off was established, and the lowest-ranked organizations were determined by a marked increase in the variance between scores. Recommend continuing to fund all eligible applicants in FY24.

Committee Decision: Yes

FY23 CAH Community Ambassador Program Recommendation

- Six-week training program designed for individuals & organizations of the global majority to successfully apply for grant programs.
- Program will focus on the following areas:
 - Artist Statement
 - Different Types of Grants /Research & Grant Tracking
 - Eligibility Requirements & IDEA
 - Future-Oriented, Project Centered & Personal tone
 - Telling your story with data
 - Writing a budget
 - Project Narrative
- Program will provide a stipend to participants that can be used toward barrier removal
- Upon completion participants will become official CAH Community Ambassadors to help recruit and educate other artists for the program
- The program will have cohorts in both English and Spanish with a focus on organizations and individuals

Committee Decision: Yes

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Commission fund all eligible applicants to the FY 2024 General Operating Support grant program.

and,

Resolved, That the Commission launch the CAH Community Ambassador Program, a six-week training program designed for individuals & organizations of the global majority to successfully apply for grant programs.

Committee Chair Wharton adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.