



FY22 LIFTOFF GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Program Name: LiftOff (LFT)

Grant Program Description

CAH’s LiftOff grant program provides capacity building support to established DC-based arts and humanities nonprofit organizations that face operational and infrastructure challenges that inhibit their organizational and programmatic sustainability.

Grant Program Goals

- Provide funding to support infrastructure growth within District of Columbia nonprofit arts and humanities organizations;
- Cultivate a robust professional development experience among LiftOff participants to foster new partnerships, collaborations, and shared resources;
- Prepare leaders of small arts and humanities nonprofits to build organizational capacity;
- Promote culturally diverse, distinctive, and dynamic expression through the arts and humanities for all District of Columbia residents.

Program staff and consultants work closely with an organizational leader (“Leader”) from each participating organization to build on their existing organizational infrastructures and perspectives, so their communities might be best served. Leaders (up to 20) receive a combination of technical assistance and in-person learning sessions. The goal of these forums is to provide Leaders with robust opportunities and resources aimed at strengthening their organizations infrastructures.

Timeline

Liftoff took place in FY20 and was on hiatus for FY21. Previously, the program spanned a six-month period. Based on feedback from former participants and input from grant managers and consultants, it was decided to have the FY22 program span two years i.e. January 2022 through September 2023.

Grant Program Eligibility

The program was open to organizations that have previously been funded by CAH in the FY20 or FY21 cycle.

Allocated Budget Amount

FY22	16 applicants	
	Scenario (A)	
	(i)	12 recipients - \$295,000 (funded at 100% of request)
	(ii)	14 recipients - \$345,000 (funded at 100% of request)

Scenario (B)

- (i) 12 recipients - \$248,425 (funding based on request amount X their score as a %)
- (ii) 14 recipients - \$283,185 (funding based on request amount X their score as a %)

FY21	No New Awards
FY20	28 applicants (20 recipients) - \$300,000 awarded
FY19	32 applicants (18 recipients) - \$320,000 awarded

Grant Program Funding Rationale

Request amounts are based on the scope of work as determined by the consultant(s) in conjunction with CAH staff. Award amounts are based on raw scores (expressed as %) X request amounts, with the top scoring applicants receiving 100% of their request amount.

Number of Panels: 1

Grant Manager: Khalid Randolph
Convening Commissioner: Alma Gates

Award Justification and Allocation of Funds

- 16 of 16 applications went to panel
- **Scenario (A) Fund at 100% of Request Amount**
 - (i) recommends a raw score of 72.5 as the proposed cut-off for funding with a 3-point variance between the lowest funded applicant and the next.
 - (ii) recommends dropping the cut-off to a raw score of 68.5, adding two more organizations with an 8.5-point variance between the lowest funded applicant and the next.
- **Scenario (B) Fund at % of Request Amount based on Raw Score and Ranking**
 - (i) same cut-off as Scenario (A) (i)
 - (ii) same cut-off as Scenario (A) (ii)

Grants Department Recommendation: Scenario (B) (ii) - \$283,185

Committee Recommendation

The Grants Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commission agree to the proposed funding scenario (B)(ii) as presented for the FY 2022 LiftOff grant, awarding grants to 14 organizations for a combined total funding of \$283,185.

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Rank	Cohort	Ward	Raw Cost	Variance	Org. Budget	Request Amount	Req % of Org	Scenario (A)	Scenario (B)	Previous Attachment
1	LFT	7	91.50		\$ 232,144	\$ 25,000	10.77%	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Yes
2	LFT	7	91.50	0.00	\$ 79,838	\$ 25,000	31.31%	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Yes
3	LFT	6	88.00	3.50	\$ 210,380	\$ 25,000	11.88%	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,000	Yes
4	LFT	8	87.00	1.00	\$ 245,473	\$ 25,000	10.18%	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,750	Yes
5	LFT	4	86.00	1.00	\$ 194,316	\$ 25,000	12.87%	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,500	Yes
6	LFT	4	81.50	4.50	\$ 181,281	\$ 20,000	11.03%	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,300	Yes
7	LFT	7	81.00	0.50	\$ 117,000	\$ 25,000	21.37%	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,250	Yes
8	LFT	6	81.00	0.00	\$ 44,467	\$ 25,000	56.22%	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,250	Yes
9	LFT	8	80.50	0.50	\$ 48,778	\$ 25,000	51.25%	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,250	Yes
10	LFT	2	79.00	1.50	\$ 97,986	\$ 25,000	25.51%	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,750	Yes
11	LFT	8	73.00	6.00	\$ 41,790	\$ 25,000	59.82%	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,250	Yes
12	LFT	8	72.50	0.50	\$ 245,000	\$ 25,000	10.20%	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,125	Yes
13	LFT	6	69.50	3.00	\$ 206,569	\$ 25,000	12.10%	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,380	Yes
14	LFT	8	68.50	1.00	\$ 48,500	\$ 25,000	51.55%	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,380	Yes
15	LFT	4	60.00	8.50	\$ 70,398	\$ 25,000	35.51%			Yes
16	LFT	8	58.00	2.00	\$ 19,306	\$ 25,000	129.49%			Yes
Total:						\$ 395,000		\$ 345,000	\$ 283,185	