

Total amount: 37,000

Organization 1: Community Organization– Focus on Senior Citizens

Amount: \$5,000

Reasoning: I thought it was interesting that most of this grant money is for the teaching artist. I liked how they stated if they are not fully funded, they will continue with the residency and will adjust the budget or find other ways to provide. This shows that this organization is motivated to do this project. One of their strengths is that this project is statewide and targets the elderly which is a group of people that often get overlooked.

A disadvantage of this proposal is that they did not provide a project budget at the end. I really like seeing this visual.

Organization 2: Visual Arts Organization

Amount: \$12,000

Reasoning: I like that the proposal mentions that the organization will have two fundraisers already scheduled for the current fiscal year. I also enjoy that they included their outreach programming budget. It is a good visual for the grant panelist to see. It is interesting to know that this grant is going to be used for the staffing, exhibition, and marketing expenses, which I feel is one of the lesser needs of this organization.

Organization 3: Choral Ensemble

Amount: \$12,000

Reasoning: This proposal was very descriptive compared to the previous two. The language also feels more sophisticated. I like that they have already showed how much of the budget will go into buying which things.

I enjoy that this organization uses all three arts: visual arts, music, and performance. It is difficult to include all three. I also like that beginner musicians are able to play along side professional musicians. A disadvantage is that this organization is not geared towards low-to-moderate income households but it attempts to attract low income households by pricing their tickets cheaper.

Organization 4: Dance Company

Amount: \$3,000

Reasoning: This proposal was slightly difficult to read. I think the language is very dry and it seems to be put in a way that makes it sound like they do not really care for this project. They are not elaborating. I also feel like I am being biased because I do not like dance.

I like that this project will inform the community about dance performances and also lets young dancers to gain experience with the partnership of professional dancers. This proposal says that there has been a lot of changes in the leadership positions and I am glad that they are letting the panelist know because this project is a repeated project that probably has been funded before. This allows the panelist to be more aware of change.

Organization 5: Theatre Company

Amount: \$5,000

Reasoning: I like this organizations motto: “do a lot with a little.” The concept of their show and their finances align with their motto. Their proposal also is short but concise compared to the dance company. They also provide a project budget visual which is great. This grant will mostly go towards paying the staff for their work. I find it interesting that they stated that they will not use the budget for marketing, insurance, or any other administrative costs.

I like that this show will be focused on an important figure in the community. This will spread awareness and unite the community. I wish the percentage of low income households was greater, but I think the tickets are decently priced.