

IMAGINE PUBLIC COMMENTS 10.11 & 10.12

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park

Comment - (250 words or less): As children many of our first experiences with social interactions and forming friendships happened on our school playground. The students of Brown School have never before had the pleasure of interacting with their peers on a playground. This grant would enable this excellent urban school to finally have a playground like most other schools enjoy. This renovated space would also create an outdoor classroom experience that could enhance the students' educational opportunities with areas for outdoor science projects and creative development of the arts through interpretive play and performance areas. An added bonus would be the beautification of a formerly neglected area of this neighborhood. I hope you will agree that this project is worthy of funding.

Project: The Martha Ellison Peace Park

Comment - (250 words or less): As an alumni of Brown this would be great to finally see a park that students teachers and parents can all enjoy

Project: Relevance to the Present: Discovering Slave Narratives, Understanding Ourselves

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a relevant and important project at the perfect school to see it come to fruition.

Project: La Cucarachita Children's Production

Comment - (250 words or less): It is important to share the Latino culture. Immigrants are required to integrate into a foreign country, but also Native Americans should also be open to that immersion and a play theater is one way to perform this exercise. La Cucarachita we went to see with my bilingual children of American mother and the dialogues, the chorography as well as the live music were natural. Thank you!!!.

Project: Little Loomhouse, Americana and Beechmont

Comment - (250 words or less): Support art development in South Louisville.

Project: The Lockhart House

Comment - (250 words or less): A program like this is needed especially for LGBTQIA youth that is scared to truly live out their passion for Art and Culture. It will given them a chance to tap into and develop their talents in a safe environment free from judgement.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renewal

Comment - (250 words or less): As a Brown School alumna, I cannot stress the importance of a viable green space for the school. Not only would this be an asset to the rapidly developing downtown

business district, but the students would benefit from a safe, beautiful place to learn and grow outdoors.

Project: Fiber Arts Community in South Louisville

Comment - (250 words or less): The Little Loomhouse is a diamond in the rough. It is a bastion for an art form that still has legs in today's society. It offers opportunities for kids and adults alike to engage in an imaginative manner that is rewarding to both seasoned veterans and neophytes alike. I strongly urge that support be given to this organization as it has been a bright spot in the Iroquois Park Community.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The children of J. Graham Brown School absolutely deserve a place to cultivate social and gross motor development. Please fund this project!

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): An experience that results in a child realizing that with hard work and dedication they can achieve great things is invaluable. When that same experience can inspire others to believe in themselves, it is even more so. The Peer2Peer project is a fantastic opportunity for the LYO musicians to sow the seeds of orchestral music in their fellow youth all around the region, while enriching themselves in the process.

The musicians of LYO are an inspiration to so many, children and adults alike. The organization has the vision and capability to make this project a success.

Please support the LYO and this project.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): What a beautiful way to bring joy to the lives of our loved ones! My beloved mother in law was in a nursing home for 5 years and would have truly benefitted from this program. Wild love to see it happen

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): Brown School provides an education from K-12, does not have a bus system or playground for the children. Physical exercise in an outdoor, natural setting is integral in childhood development. Please help strengthen the bodies and lungs of these children whom are already working hard to develop their minds!!!

Project: Black Media Collaborative

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a comprehensive program, well thought out, bringing together lots of aspects and members of the community. It would not only provide current opportunities, but also yield long term effects through the development of individuals.

Project: La Cucarachita: bilingual children's theatre

Comment - (250 words or less): Engaging theatre for children is a great gift to any community. La Cucarachita, in addition to being engaging, is a well written bilingual production of a well known Latin American folk tale. The production supports all the priorities of Imagine Greater Louisville 2020. Access, Cultivation, Education, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Promotion. The play promotes important and universal values such as self-worth and the importance of friendship. The entertaining story about a female "cucaracha" concerned about looking pretty who upon getting many suitors realizes that looks are not what matters touches on current and very relevant issues such as gender and racial equity, kindness, self-esteem and compassion. It also offers the public an opportunity to learn about a folk tale from a country from where many Latinos/Louisvillians came from and tells a story that is accessible to English as well as Spanish speakers. Funding this project is for sure a way to imagine a better greater Louisville!

Project: peer2peer - lyo

Comment - (250 words or less): our daughter has been in lyo for 5 years now and has enjoyed her experiences there.

the entire group seems to be dedicated and devoted to these kids.

I love the fact that the kids are making music instead of spreading meanness.

and it gives them something to do during the week - practice!

busy hands.....

Project: Arts shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I believe its a wonderful way to beautify our city and see a purpose as well.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Having lost my father to dementia 18 months ago, I think the Marvelous Wonderettes '58 performance will meet a significant need and help to provide healing for many. Thanks for considering it.

Project: Black Media Collaborative

Comment - (250 words or less): The Black Media Collaborative project will nurture creativity underrepresented in Louisville and the nation. Its' timing could not be better.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): This production is one I will look forward to year after year!

Project: Black Media Collaborative

Comment - (250 words or less): I know some of the people involved in this proposal and believe they can

truly make a difference in this space. Therefore, I support this project and believe it will provide growth, enrichment, and networking opportunities for young black persons interested in careers in the media.

Project: Black Media Collaborative

Comment - (250 words or less): I support the project outlined by the Black Media Collaborative designed to provide growth, enrichment, and networking opportunities for young black persons interested in careers in the media.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Great opportunity to provide access to the performance arts to people with memory challenges. A musical performance from an era that will be familiar to many such patients can be an enjoyable, therapeutic and engaging event.

Project: La Cucharita Martina

Comment - (250 words or less): I really enjoyed the production of La Cucharita Martina. It was engaging and well performed. More importantly, however, it was wonderful to see entire families enjoying the performance together. These bilingual children's plays really speak to our youngest and some of our most vulnerable community members. Plays in Spanish and English are accessible for the entire family, and they help to normalize the experiences of bilingual Hispanic children, many of whom are tasked from a young age to translate for their parents, and who may feel like they are the only ones who have to do this. I wholeheartedly support Teatro Tercera Llamada's efforts to bring bilingual family programming to our community.

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio seems like a wonderful project to me, preserving our greatest local natural resource and our enjoyment of it in relationship to our community. "Collaboration with design and arts students, diverse citizen researchers, professional designers, engineers and ecologists and historians" is a win-win for everyone.

Project: La Cucarachita Martina

Comment - (250 words or less): I think we should continue with these beautiful bilingual works because they encourage the desire to read and learn in our children and is a way to improve their education and prepare them for the future.

Project: La Cucarachita Martina

Comment - (250 words or less): Great for children!!! Lot of fun and entertainment.

Project: Arts Related Field Trips for Child Development Center

Comment - (250 words or less): I think by now most people know that arts involvement and arts education have a positive impact on academic outcomes for kids. Better grades and higher rates of college enrollment are fantastic outcomes from introducing and involving kids to the Arts -- no matter what kind. Let kids find what inspires them - performing, visual, etc. The Arts not only has a positive impact on our local community, but for the next generation who will continue and improve upon Louisville's great Arts scene.

Project: 36 miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): The river is an invaluable asset to the cities of Jeffersonville, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky. An in depth study of the asset which will lead to an organized, systematic approach to increasing the value of this asset and the value of the surrounding communities is idea well worth pursuing.

This is an investment in our future that I fully support.

Project: Red and the art of Rothko

Comment - (250 words or less): A highly entertaining and challenging piece of theater that focuses on art and the arts as they relate to the individual, and the creative instincts and awareness within all of us as they influence our perceptions about socio/political elements in today's world. Particularly relevant to the level of discourse we encounter in today's society.

Project: Taylor-Berry Neighborhood/South Louisville

Comment - (250 words or less): Frayser Elementary is really excited at the prospect of participating in this project!

Project: The Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): A much needed park for a school that makes our whole community and the state proud. This is an investment that will have a positive impact in this young generation of hard working, dedicated and compassionate kids. Please do consider funding this proposal.

Project: Martha Ellison peace park renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): As a parent of a young student at the Brown school I would love to see our children to have a chance to learn hands on about ecology, plants, growth cycles...I could go on forever about the valuable health benefits and lessons gleaned from time outdoors. There is currently no outside space safe for the children to play in the urban school setting. The park would be an incredible asset to the development of our future leaders

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The Renovation of Martha Ellison Peace Park is both long overdue and desperately needed. It is completely unusable in its current condition, aside from nocturnal visits from drug users who frequently leave behind evidence of their activity. The Brown School, consistently rated at the top of the Nation's public schools, is one of the few schools in the district with no outdoor green space. It is tragic that there exists usable land directly adjacent to the building that has not been utilized for the education and physical and mental well-being of the hard-working and culturally and economically diverse K-12 student body of the Brown School.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): As the director of Bernheim's Children at Play Network (www.childrenatplaynetwork.com) I was glad to see an urban park dedicated to play based education. I can't think of a better way to support the many continuing contributions of the Brown School. The returns on that investment will be considerable. Play based learning is gaining traction nationally and internationally. Louisville needs this opportunity.

Project: The LockHart House

Comment - (250 words or less): This is great endeavor as young people learning to accept themselves in a society hedged on social status. Also there are many underlying factors and to provide counseling while encouraging individualism is no small task. A weekend program is also a plus as this is the time where teenagers may not be welcomed at home so to have a safe environment to flourish is must in nurturing a well balanced human. Hope you consider this project with an opens heart and mind!

Project: Reawakening the Mammoth

Comment - (250 words or less): For as long as I've known him, Aron Conaway has been an active pillar in the Louisville Arts community. He was in Portland before anyone; fighting for The Mammoth, a place where artists congregate, collaborate, and create. Artists are the R&D department of humanity and Louisville is in dire need of a place such as The Mammoth in order to grow and evolve. I believe in this project and Aron's vision, and hope to one day be a part of what he is able to build.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Music and memories go hand in hand. Music keeps the mind vital. It helps alleviate depression that so many seniors have due to the loss of being able to do activities they once did. Their music makes them happy. Singing and hearing the songs of their youth helps them to retain language. I have witnessed this with my own family and with some new friends I've met in a Dementia Unit that I visit regularly. This will be a wonderful program for a population that often goes unnoticed. Please fund this project and light a candle in world that is often dark.

Project: The Soul of Christmas -Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): This musical cannot help but be exciting and inspiring based on all of the production that Rush Trowel has produced in the passed. He will not allow anything to be released that

is less than perfect. I am overly excited to see and hear this musical production. My senses are already heightened as I eagerly await this musical.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): I've known Cathy Butler-Weathersby for 15 years. She has performed in many shows and plays through that time and put on numerous shows herself. She will do a tremendous job and this will raise the spirits on many senior citizens. Please consider her request. I hold her in the highest regard!

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Music can be the only connection to a dementia patient. Memory care facilities have trouble getting music to come in. This would be the highlight of the year. It would reach so many who are slipping away. This is the kind of thing the activity director should seek out. Bingo is a waste. Music is the key to unlock their joy. This will be a simple but spectacular event for patients and their families. The gift of a memory families will never forget.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): The Louisville community needs to showcase this event "The Soul of Christmas" as music can help heal our communities. Our city has been met with so many social, political and emotional challenges this year and it would be wonderful to close 2017 in song. This particular production by Rush Trowell and Faithworks Studio presents a fantastic representation Louisville's known and soon to be discovered talent in a very professional manner suitable for New York. Imagine, please strongly consider financially supporting this production. Thanks

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): Really like the education portion of this project!

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): Looks like a great list of projects. There was one that stood out to me though...36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio. I think that this project could really help improve the downtown and surrounding areas with what is being proposed. Our downtown area has grown so much over the last several years and with all of the new events, concerts, living spaces, etc., I think it is time to take a look at the areas that border (or are very close to) the Ohio river.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a tremendous idea for the students of the Brown School and those who work or pass this underused park. It would add needed, safe outdoor space for over 600 young people to use for play and learning. The Brown School is a treasure of the community which currently lacks any outdoor space. I support this project wholeheartedly.

Project: Reawakening the Mammoth

Comment - (250 words or less): The amazing civil war era building, The Mammoth, has the potential to be an anchor in the Portland neighborhood. The amount of possibilities, in our River City, is staggering for the cultural hub that could be created. With proper funding, this mixed use space could house artists studios, public performance spaces, be the hub of city wide public art initiatives, community gardens, a cafe and retail space. This project has the potential to be a huge asset to the neighborhood, the community and the City of Louisville.

Project: The musical Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Good day kind folks!

I am writing in support of Cathy Weathersbys' excellent idea of producing a musical for nursing homes. The musical Marvelous Wonderettes '58 will be a wonderful walk down memory lane. My husband and I visit memory care units regularly with short music presentations on acoustic instruments and it's amazing how the people come alive with music. It is soul stirring; when I began this ministry of giving music, I couldn't watch my audience and play at the same time. I was too choked up by their response. I support Cathy's idea 100% and I hope you will consider it too!

Project: Red and the Art of Rothko

Comment - (250 words or less): Looks like a tremendous collaboration and celebration of multiple art mediums, to tell a fascinating story of such a great artist.

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): This project is so important for a lot of talent young kids in Louisville to seek their music dream.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): i support the Marvelous Wonderettes '58 and the work they are doing. It brings such joy to the assisted living residents. Thanks so much!

Project: River City Drill Team

Comment - (250 words or less): Would bring about change in our community and hope back to the youth who forgotten

Project: Kidsview Weekend Art Institute

Comment - (250 words or less): Our community doesn't have a lot for kids to do in our community and are not really inspired because of it. This will bring about change.

Project: The soul of Christmas motown

Comment - (250 words or less): This is an initiative that should be supported by as many people as possible.

Project: Louisville is Dead

Comment - (250 words or less): This project has not only impacted myself personally, but has vastly impacted the local music scene. Louisville is Dead and Riotheart Media offer a place for all ages to not only see killer bands perform, but also local artist to show their work. The event brings many people together in what is always a fun weekend full of music, art and fun. Having a place for younger audiences to attend and hear music is vital!

Project: Waterworks Dance Theater

Comment - (250 words or less): Waterworks Dance Theater is a wonderful place to go and exert some pinned up energy. I love doing dancercise with the instructor and the group. I have introduced several family members to Waterworks Dance Theater and everyone of them has thoroughly enjoyed working out and felt comfortable being in a 'judge free zone'. I would love to see Waterworks grow to its full potential and pray that they can acquire the funding needed for expansion.

Project: In support of LOUISVILLE IS DEAD on behalf of GUERRILLA WARFARE (band)

Comment - (250 words or less): RiotHeart gave us the chance to play with our favorite bands, and does so much for the Louisville music and art community. DIY art and music is the blood of the underground and the youth.

Project: 36 Miles Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): So important to preserve our History while Educating the community. Make this project a priority for Kentucky.

Project: Martha Ellison peace park renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The peace park renovation would really transform first and Muhammad Ali and give the students an amazing opportunity to spend time outdoors, learning and growing.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): This production need to be at the Bombard Theatre as it is first rate. Rush has made his name in theatre in Louisville. Pray that you award him the grant.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): This could be great to my sweet grandmother and would bring her so much joy!

Project: Kidsview Weekend Art Institute

Comment - (250 words or less): I believe programs like this introduces and continues the love of art to kids in our communities, who often wouldn't have the opportunities to be exposed to it. It gives kids a safe place to express themselves.

Project: Red and the Art of Rothko

Comment - (250 words or less): Theatre and the arts in general offers a community place to further our understanding, awaken our compassion, entertain, open our curiosity, This project looks combines several arts groups to present an intriguing play. Bunbury has a reputation of excellence for its theatre experience. "Red" covers so many areas of interest - art, immigration, bigotry, talent, individuality, courage, mysticism, and a theatre experience. Well worth support.

Project: Martha Ellison peace park renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): I believe this would be a wonderful transformation for a high pedestrian area of city that has received little attention, something to make jcps stand out, and would improve the educational experience of hundreds of children.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): I'd like to offer words of support for the Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation.

The J. Graham Brown School has been an important part of the Louisville fabric and schools downtown. Located in a up-and-coming location, the J. Graham Brown School embodies what Louisville is all about, and I believe will play a role in the revitalization of the viability of the future of Louisville's downtown. It already has produced some great alumni, has been recognized as one of the best high schools in Kentucky, contributes talent to the arts of Louisville, and so much more. The opportunity to revitalize this important site along 1st Street, and enhance the lives and education of some of Louisville's best and brightest (and urban-ist!), will play a significant impact in the future of Louisville, and the perception of living, working, and learning in downtown Louisville.

Project: Peer to peer

Comment - (250 words or less): Best

Project: 36 Miles

Comment - (250 words or less): This proposal sounds like a very well visioned project which will result in concrete positive impacts for the Louisville metro community. The Ohio River does unite us all and to have everyone's knowledge of the river expanded as is proposed, would be a terrific opportunity. I, for one, look forward to the various public displays that 36 Miles will generate. Please fund them!

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): This park would complete this urban campus for the most diverse school community in the district, the Brown School. The current "playground" is a 30 x 30, if that big, courtyard. It is not enough area for even the smallest child to stretch their legs. Research shows that exercise is very important in a child's education. The renovation of this park will also increase safety in this area which is an area for the homeless to often rest in the shade. Please help the Brown School with this worthy project.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): Children are born artists. They begin to create their own worlds in their vivid imaginations as toddlers. As they transition to school age, their environment becomes their stage. Every child should have the opportunity to step outside their classroom door and into their own magical world where the playground may be a pirate ship sailing the seas, a spaceship blasting off, or a cozy playhouse, welcoming a friend for tea. Please help us provide that stage for our children, before they lose that magical imagination and artistic sense.

This project will touch so many lives, and will last for decades.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): Renovating Peace Park is a complete and total win for our community. The Brown School is a school of distinction. It is a public educational institution in which children from all areas of Louisville, from all ethnicities, races, and socioeconomic classes can grow together and learn together. Helping this school to finally (finally!) give their students, K-12, a safe outdoor area to enjoy will help these students to continue their educational pursuits and to beautify the city of Louisville.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): I think this is a fantastic project that needs to be approved to make more educational offerings available to one of the top schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The J. Graham Brown School is one of the few urban schools that currently has not green space available and would be able to use this space to further the education of its students. It would also offer the students an outdoor recreation area which they currently do not have because it is an urban landlocked school. Consider expanding the education of bright minds. Thank you.

Project: Martha Ellison peace park

Comment - (250 words or less): My kids are 11 & 14 and have been at Brown school since kindergarten. There is no space for students to explore or be outside at a school. The learning philosophy that makes Brown school so special involves experiencing their environment. The school does the best they can to meet this need but to have a dedicated safe space outside would be wonderful. It also would help the community because cleaning and fencing the park keeps it free of homeless and loitering that has plagued that space for years. This includes illicit drug use right across from a school.

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): I am writing in support of the 36 Miles project. The involvement of this project with the educational community, population at large, along with professionals is an ideal project to support for Imagine Greater Louisville. The community impact would be excellent in regards to both the public and involving students within the project as well. Please consider this project strongly for grant approval.

Project: Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): "I am writing to express my support of the "Art Shelter." Louisville Grows' Healthy House has made a positive inclusive impact in the health and wellness of Louisville residents. The lack of trash cans, bus shelters, benches and other neighborhood amenities in this stretch of Portland Avenue is a shame, and this project not only creates something that is missing but also proposes to do it in a visually beautiful way with a high level of community involvement. I hope to see the project supported!"

Project: 36 miles

Comment - (250 words or less): Much needed project to connect the residents of this area with the river the flows through it.

Project: Peer2peer

Comment - (250 words or less): I think this would be a great opportunity for kids

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): Renovation of the Martha Ellison Peace Park will allow open air classrooms & creative play areas for the students of J Graham Brown School. The school is located in the busy inner city & the renovation allows the school to use property not previously used in a positive manner. Please help our kids have an outdoor space for positive learning. It's an investment in their future. Thank you.

Project: 36 Miles: revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): What a great, educational project that would benefit our local school kids and adults!

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The J. Graham Brown School is a wonderfully diverse and highly successful school. Our students need a clean, safe, and environmentally pleasant outdoor space. We have science module lessons that cannot be taught because we have no outdoor green space on campus

large enough to teach these lessons. We need to be able to allow our students to explore their own outdoor community safely as other schools are able to do.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Restoration

Comment - (250 words or less): Great project. A much needed space for the students and faculty at Brown School. A great way to add beauty and utility to an unused space.

Project: The Lockhart House

Comment - (250 words or less): Praise God. This project is so so so so very needed. God bless LaShondra Lockhart for wanting to open this as a place for lgbtq youth to have as a safe haven. It is my prayer that you all would Grant her the funds necessary to allow this work to go forth and it in the future Branch out not just there in Louisville but Across the Nation it is so needed. May God forever bless and keep those of you who hold the power of this decision and blessed lashandra for the work that she has ahead of her. Blessings and peace Pastor Yolanda Hughes

Project: Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I used TARC for quite some time, not to mention I am a Visual Artist GRAD from Bellarmine university. When waiting on the bus there isn't much to do but look around. Even while walking around the city bus shelters are just unsuspectedly eye catching. Using this project to promote visual art is not only inspiring but a great complement to Louisville's creative side. I think the Art Shelter project would be a great addition to the Alley Gallery project while sprusing up our beloved city of Louisville. Happy Creating : .

Project: 36 miles revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): Creative project by univ of ky Professor and students

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): What better way to preserve culture and art in form of music than by passing it on to future generations! More importantly, doing so via their peers. Who would a young musician listen and learn from more than one of there own. I firmly believe this is not only a worthwhile project but also, a very much needed one.

Project: Projects under \$5000 - Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I am writing in favor of Louisville Grows proposed Art Shelter..I grew up in Oldham County and spent a few years living in St. Matthews and the Highlands and had the pleasure to attend an event at Louisville Grows recently. Its hard not to notice the lack of resources in that part of town. As in any other community, you show people that a city cares that they have a sheltered place to wait that they in turn will care about the community they wait in. The added art just enriches and

maybe will inspire a younger generation to be drawn to positive forms of the arts. I got to see the positive changes that this organization is making in Louisville and its simply amazing. I hope the project is supported.

Project: Red and the Art of Rothko

Comment - (250 words or less): Red, which won the Tony Award for Best Play in 2010, takes audiences into the mind of artist Mark Rothko as he dissects his art and struggles to remain true to his vision of the world. The two-man play helps us to understand the artistic process and the struggles artists face in giving life to their art. Post-play conversations that are planned in connection with this production will further examine these things will bring even greater depth to our understanding of the creative process.

Project: Marvelous Wonderette's '58 Performances

Comment - (250 words or less): This is such a wonderful idea! There's nothing more noble than using the arts to bring joy to the oft-overlooked members of our community. These performances ensure equality for all and allow for a widespread appreciation of musical theatre.

Project: RED AND THE ART OF ROTHKO

Comment - (250 words or less): Bunbury Theatre Company is an important and vibrant company in the heart of Louisville. RED is an extraordinary piece that should be tantalizing the local audiences and educating them about Rothko and his wide talents and artistic thought. Bunbury has the capacity to do this play justice. Juergen Tossman is a leader in the field who pushes the boundaries of the art form with every decision he makes in programming the season. Your support of this fine project will resonate with their audience and stay with them for many years to come. It will also employ a good number of artisans, craftspersons, actors, technicians and administrators. It will be money well spent. Please help Bunbury spread their wings and give creative life to this authentic gift.

Project: bunbury - red and the art of rothko

Comment - (250 words or less): Bunbury is a Community jewel that has been entertaining Louisville for many years. Every project Bunbury takes on is worthy of support. Please help make red and the art of rothko happen!

Project: RED AND THE ART OF ROTHKO

Comment - (250 words or less): I strongly support this proposal. Not only is this play a compelling at one of the most important artists in the 20th C, but Rothko's background as a Russian Jew, who fled for fear of his life due to anti-Semitism is little known. What is even less known is how Rothko incorporated Jewish mystical meaning into his paintings to show the ways light and color are part of the universe and its transcendent levels of emanations. These can also be related to physics and string theory which shows the multiple dimensions we live in. Through Rothko's life and work we learn how Jewish mysticism is an ancient form of cultural knowledge that is spiritual, creative, and ethical and that it has

implications in the multicultural world we live in due to Rothko's constant search for self and authenticity in a time that tends to diminish the other.

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): The Louisville Youth Orchestra is a great organization for young musicians. Their grant should be supported so that they can increase their outreach and education. The arts are so important.

Project: Peer to Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): Music teaches children so much. In addition to making a more rounded child, these programs help build self esteem and confidence. It's not easily afforded and often overlooked in schools. I loved music class and want every child to be able to have music in their lives.

Project: Motown musical

Comment - (250 words or less): This project showcases local talent from behind the scenes to the cast. It represents an era in black history that showed how Black artists got there start and became superstars. It gives people an idea just how music can influence you.

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): Please consider fully funding the Louisville Youth Orchestra through the Peer2Peer grant. No amount of monetary worth can be put on arts programs for young minds. Studies have consistently shown (https://spea.indiana.edu/doc/undergraduate/ugrd_thesis2015_bsam_elver.pdf for one) that performing music produces (from the cited study) "If students receive opportunities to experience live performances, learn from teaching artists who visit their classrooms and participate in arts classes outside of school, these young people can attain outstanding personal growth that they may never gain otherwise. There is no single most effective means of immersing students in the performing arts; any positive experience can instill a passion that will last a lifetime." At a time when more and more schools are removing music and arts programs from our schools, it is imperative that we continue funding these outlets outside of these same schools. Thanks!

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58 Performances

Comment - (250 words or less): This is a truly beautiful proposal that would mean so much to the residents and their families, as well as the staff. I have sung with groups many times at homes like these and it has never failed to delight everyone!

Project: Martha Ellison Memorial Peace Park

Comment - (250 words or less): I would love to see the city help with this park! As a graduate of Brown,

and now as a mother of a Brown student, I would love my child to have an outdoor facility to learn and play. Please help!

Project: Marvelous Wonderetts '58

Comment - (250 words or less): This is such a. Great idea. I know memory care facilities are always looking for music

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): My children and I recently moved to Louisville from South Carolina and my daughter is playing violin with LYO. We were delighted to have an opportunity to participate in such a well planned and executed program with wonderful musicians. Nothing like this was available in South Carolina so when her middle school orchestra teacher told her about it she applied right away. From the experience she's had so far I believe anything this group of people plans and implements will be well run, benefit many young people, and open doors for kids who otherwise would not have these opportunities. The fact they offer scholarships made it easier for us to participate and will help many of students these new projects plan to reach.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The J. Graham Brown School is in serious need for a play area for the younger students. Surrounded by concrete and buildings, the students didn't have recess until recently and now that we do finally have the fenced off park, we need a playground for them! This has been a 30 year long saga that we could really use help finishing!

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): Please consider how much this grant would help at risk youth, who otherwise would not get the chance to participate in these activities. What an opportunity to help make such a worthy difference in the life of a young person!

Project: Louisville Youth Orchestra

Comment - (250 words or less): Great group, much needed for today's youth!

Project: Peer 2 Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): Please consider this group for a grant. They do much good work for the children of this community!

Project: Peer to Peer

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Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): This project is very timely and fulfills a dire need of Brown School students. The school does not have a playground or outside space and students and families need this to have a richer experience at school. This initiative opens up so many opportunities for cross-fertilisation in the artistic and educational communities, and also offers a chance to celebrate cultural diversity in various outdoors programming formats. This closes the gap for the Brown school and families as it provides a more meaningful, more public and more open experience of learning and sharing.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): This project is much needed in the community for diversity and self empowerment with the youth in the African American community. Also would be an opportunity to provide educational workshops for the youth in the community.

Project: Kidsview Weekend Arts Institute and Rivercity Drill Team.

Comment - (250 words or less): I feel that you should take an interest in the children, they are our future and need to be exposed to the better things in life. Taught to be someone positive, to be shown the arts, to learn discipline and respect.

Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): The LYO is and has been an integral part of this city for over 50 years! They have such wonderful programs that get children involved in the arts and keeps them growing and moving forward. The community benefits so much from not just the wonderful performances, but also the molding of our future through the impact they have on these kids. I can't think of a better organization deserving of this award.

Project: Kidsview Weekend Art Institute and River City Drill Team.

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support the Kidsview Weekend Art Institute and River City Drill Team. Thank you,

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): This is an outstanding show by a very talented producer, director and cast that would greatly benefit the community in a preeminent venue such as the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

Project: The Marvelous Wonderettes '58

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Project: Peer2Peer

Comment - (250 words or less): LYO has been a creative and cultural standout in our city for years. The Peer2Peer project would enable LYO to share music and their abilities with a wider audience, some of whom would not have the opportunity otherwise.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowel has provided Louisville with excellent performances while spotlighting Louisville talent. I attended the Motown Christmas 2016 and it was excellent. With this grant he can make it possible for an even better show, and have more performance times so that more people can experience and he can make it a holiday tradition.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The Brown School has been a part of our family for the past 6 years. We currently have 2 children that attend this wonderful school. However, they are missing one thing. A safe place to learn and play outside. The Brown School location makes it difficult for our children to have a safe place to engage in outdoor learning and recreation activities. The fence has provided an added security, however we would really love to see some outdoor equipment that would enhance the ability for our children to expand their imagination and knowledge. We would greatly appreciate the funding needed for this project.

Project: Gap Felony Program

Comment - (250 words or less): Dope program. Please fund in order to assist our youth in making the right choices

Project: Rush Trowel and Faith Works Studio///A Motown Christmas//The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowel thru his plays, shows and his superb storytelling abilities and his vision has allowed the young and old within the black and white communities to express themselves in a way they never would have been able to achieve otherwise. He is more dominant within the black community due to his location which is another reason we can express ourselves due to his art. This fosters life skills for the young and old, assist in keeping young off the streets, educates and helps people maintain a PURPOSE.

Thank you. Rush has already made a tremendous impact within the black community.

Project: Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I am writing to express my support of the "Art Shelter." The shelter would add considerably to the neighborhood in Portland, and provide not only a beautiful escape from the weather, it will also serve as a point of connectivity among the neighbors. This is a worthwhile project! Louisville Grows' Healthy House has made a positive inclusive impact in the health and wellness of Louisville residents. Please select this project and make a HUGE impact for these neighbors in their neighborhood.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Wow! This sounds like a fantastic project. I love using theater and music to help senior citizens with memory issues/dementia reconnect to their past lives and to their world. I've heard of this phenomenon before--where dementia patients unable to speak are able to sing and express themselves when music is the vehicle. I really hope this project gets funded and some very deserving people get to have some moments of joy in the latter parts of their lives. Bring it on!

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): This project would benefit our community now and for years to come. It's impact would be long lasting!

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): The Ohio River is most often thought of as a dirty and muddy body of water that is an eyesore. This project will bring forward the life of the Ohio and the many positive assets it brings to the communities founded around it. The landscape architects and designers who will be involved have a love of all things nature and will present a beautiful final Showcase Event, web presence and book that will make our Ohio River communities proud. I also love the idea that the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville will be working together, showing a unity that our state desperately needs. The leaders in this project are top-notch!

Project: Rush Trowel Entertainment

Comment - (250 words or less): Rush Trowel, a Louisville native, operates Rush Trowel Entertainment, which delivers important and thought-provoking plays and musicals. RTE's diversity themes, primarily reflecting the African-American experience, are especially valuable now. The City of Louisville should consider its financial support of RTE as an investment in fostering racial understanding and better harmony in our community.

Project: The Soul Of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): In an era when the sultry and soulful musical sounds from the past are becoming less and less ubiquitous in our daily lives, in our modern productions, in our radio broadcasts, the Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017 will undoubtedly resurface these sounds and will surely introduce to some and welcome back to others the warmth and embrace that they bring. It is important to continue the history and LEGACY of this style of art and expression through music and dance and our generation has the responsibility to do this; this production will achieve this charge and surpass all expectations!

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): This production is a worthy cause and would serve those who cannot access the arts

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58 Performances

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support this incredible opportunity to entertain our eldest citizens. This is a much-needed program that brings nostalgia and warmth to their nursing homes. The people involved are some of Louisville's finest. Thank you!

Project: Marvelous wonderettes 58

Comment - (250 words or less): What a wonderful idea! Dementia is a terrible disease. Giving these patients something they love that brings a part of the life they knew back to them is priceless. Love this!!

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): I would like to see this wonderful project get a grant. So many times our elderly are left without friends or any family to live out their lives in a nursing home or assisted living facility. Why not give them entertainment such as this program to help bring back some of those lost memories through music. A worthy cause proposed by very talented individuals sharing their talents with others in need. Great idea!

Project: The souls of Christmas Motown

Comment - (250 words or less): I think it's super important for big Theaters to support local companies and upcoming artists! We need this! Would love to this show on a big stage! Rush trowels Faith works studio has proven its self over and over again to offer incredible entertainment!! Please help support them!

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas of 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): I'm appealing to you for assistance with this Project. Rush Trowel & Faith Works has proven their dedication & professionalism in presenting the Arts. The initiatives of exposing & incorporating the Arts to better serve our community speaks volumes.

Project: Fabulous Wonderettes '58

Comment - (250 words or less): Bringing the arts to our vulnerable elderly population for enrichment purposes is so important. Proven is the power of music and dance to help a memory surface, lift a mood, or deflect attention from loneliness, pain, or anxiety. Having worked with this grant writer in another project that received great accolades, I fully endorse this project's selection. This will be fabulous due to the talent, reliability, passion, and organizational skills of those involved!

Project: 36 miles

Comment - (250 words or less): I think it would be fine project and I would be interested in learning more about the historical aspects. It might benefit our community to learn all we can about the Ohio.

Project: The Soul of Christmas: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Faithworks Studio has changed my life and helped the community with it's production, this show The Soul of Christmas is huge in the fact that it shows Louisville, that Christmas can be faith-based and groovy at the same time. Please fund so that this work can be shared with the city.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): Within the mission of Metro Government is the health of all citizens. No project could contribute more to the future of this mission than the renovation of the green space across from the Brown School for the use of children. No project could be a better investment in the future for all of us. Green space/developmental play space is vital to the overall growth and health of children, and to the future of Louisville. I encourage you not to miss the opportunity to make the investment that will benefit all of Louisville.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): What a wonderful project. The Park will add to the downtown area which is changing fast and turning into quite a landmark city! Enriching and promoting student growth is so important for all children in school. The Park will allow the students and teacher a safe environment to study and create in the great outdoors. There is not a better to learn and relax letting your creative juices flow than under the sun and sky. The Park will create a new location for the Brown School students to flourish in the arts which only enhances all their other school subjects. A creative mind is educated mind!

Please help this wonderful endeavor!!!

Project: Maratha Ellison Peace Park

Comment - (250 words or less): Keep our city green. Grow our children peacefully. A beautiful concept. A small patch of nature to nurture the child. An investment in the future for today's children to enjoy. I strongly support this proposal.

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): What a welcoming project! The Peace Park will not only improve a blighted part of this great city, but will make it an additional place where kids of all ages can learn, enjoy and get much needed exercise. My entire family looks forward to the day when this wasted part of our city is incorporated into one of this city's great institutions.

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Not only would this production provide much needed diversity to the holiday entertainment lineup, it offers a giveback to the young in our community.

Project: Fiber Arts Community South Louisville

Comment - (250 words or less): What a wonderful way to bring the many cultures of South Louisville together. Creating and communication to learn about one another and weave their colors into fabric of and for their lives.

Project: 36 Miles: Revealing the Ohio

Comment - (250 words or less): I would love to see a project that connects more people with such a huge natural resource for Louisville, The Ohio River.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes 58

Comment - (250 words or less): This sounds like a worthy project to bring joy and healing to our aging community!

Project: Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I have become a frequenter of this area of the Portland neighborhood. There are few of the same amenities here afforded most other areas of town such as public benches and bus shelters. The idea of rotating art from folks in the area is fabulous It would provide a beautiful place to shelter as well as a place for residents to take pleasure in.

Project: Motown Christmas- Herat of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): Please help fund this wonderful program. The impact they make during the season and interaction with the crowd of all colors is breathtaking. The best holiday show in Louisville!

Project: The GAP Cultivation Program and Documentary

Comment - (250 words or less): I am very pleased to hear the outline of this program. It is very important that we find inventive ways to reach our at risk youth. My area being the arts, please let me know how I can help.

Project: Marvelous Wonderettes 58

Comment - (250 words or less): This group would bring great joy to a population that is often ignored. I am familiar with Ms. Weathersby's work on behalf of the Alzheimer's patients and her dedication to bringing some joy into their lives. She deserves to get this project off the ground.

Project: River City Drill Team

Comment - (250 words or less): This program provides positive activities for kids that will enhance them culturally, socially and academically. Please support this program!

Project: Kidsview Weekend Arts Institute

Comment - (250 words or less): This program would be a great benefit to the youth in our community! There are only so many resources (time, talent, money) available in the schools for art education. This program would provide a much needed arts supplement that the kids need. Please support this program!

Project: Motown soul of xmas 2018..rush trowel faithworks

Comment - (250 words or less): Love this show,brings back awesome memories of a great time in our country,brings all ppl together of all nationalitie,young,old,alike!!!the music and actors,actresses.and the crew were amazing!!!!!!love,love,lovr this show!!!!!!rush trowel and staff are awesome

Project: Art Shelter

Comment - (250 words or less): I am writing to express my support of the "Art Shelter." Louisville Grows' Healthy House has made a positive inclusive impact in the health and wellness of Louisville residents. The lack of trash cans, bus shelters, benches and other neighborhood amenities in this stretch of Portland Avenue is a shame, and this project not only creates something that is missing but also proposes to do it in a visually beautiful way with a high level of community involvement. I hope to see the project supported!

Project: Motown Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I have enjoyed

Project: Arts Integration and Marvelous Wonderettes

Comment - (250 words or less): Through my position as the Drama educator at LPAS, I have seen first hand the power the arts play in our children's education. Training more teachers to provide these experiences for their students would be amazing.

The Marvelous Winderettes is the perfect show to bring to retirement and memory homes to allow residents an experience in the arts that is fun and meaningful.

Project: Motown Christmas 2017

Comment - (250 words or less): Well worth it

Project: Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): The Martha Ellison Peace Park Renovation would be a wonderful, very important improvement.

Project: River City Drill Team

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support!

Project: Kidsview Weekend Arts Institute

Comment - (250 words or less): Please support!

Project: The Soul of Christmas Motown revue

Comment - (250 words or less): Anything that Riss trowel touches literally turns to gold. Love and support his productions...

Project: Martha Ellison peace park renovation

Comment - (250 words or less): A great opportunity for an urban school and a continuation of a legacy of a local leader.

Project: The Soul of Christmas Motown

Comment - (250 words or less): Christmas time is so much more than gift giving its about the birth of Christ and sharing that knowledge with others which is exactly what this musical does along with Rush-Trowel production. Please help this production company bring this story to the forefront by allowing this musical to present on your stage. Thanks in Advance!

Project: The Soul of Christmas

Comment - (250 words or less): I'm sure that all of the proposals are well worth the grants that the producers are seeking. However, "The Soul of Christmas", under the direction of Rush Trowel, is deserving of any and all funding that they are seeking.

The production is totally professional, with an extremely talented cast. Every effort that Rush puts into his productions, sometimes, go unnoticed. However, he continues to work tirelessly to make sure that his shows are worth every dollar that he is seeking.

Please don't overlook him. Grant him the money today. It will be one of the best investments ever made!

Thank you!

Project: Rush Trowel

Comment - (250 words or less): The show is positive and clean entertainment for the African American community. The show is phenomenal and one that will be talked about for years. The money will be well spent on a great cause. I'm looking forward to seeing this fantastic cast and show!!