



**PANEL CHAIRS MARK SALINAS & ANNIE ZUCKER**  
**FY19 PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE GRANTS – TIER 1**

**MARK SALINAS:**

The Grant Review Panel charged with reviewing FY19 Partners in Excellence Grants convened in a public meeting at the Nevada Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada on May 22 and May 23, 2018.

For complete bios of this year's panelists, please see the additional documents. This year's panelists were:

Joshua Heim, Arts Program Manager, City of Bellevue – Bellevue, WA

Katie McCleary, Writer/Founder of 916 Ink – Sacramento, CA

Nolan Preece, Artist/Emeritus Photography Professor and Gallery Director, Truckee Meadows Community College - Reno, NV

Kim Russell, Program Manager in the Education and Outreach Department, The Smith Center – Las Vegas, NV

**PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE GRANTS**

- The panelists reviewed and scored 44 PIE Tier 1 Grant Applications
- The funding available for this category in FY19 is \$130,870
- The total request for funding was \$302,500
- After panel review and scoring, the total recommended funding is \$239,621
- To honor the thoughtful review and scoring of each application, the panel's recommendation is to apply the following cuts across the board to meet the available funding:
  - TIER 1 / LEVEL 1 – 37.8% Cut
  - TIER 1 / LEVEL 2 – 31.7% Cut
  - TIER 1 / LEVEL 3 – 47.6% Cut

Please note that one applicant for the PIE grant received a score below NAC 60% threshold for funding. This threshold was determined by the NAC Board at the April 2013 Board Meeting. Myron Heaton Chorale Las Vegas received an average score of 48.3.

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**GENERAL PIE PANEL COMMENTS:**

Panelists would have liked to see full profit/loss budget sheets from all applicants. The panelists stated multiple times the importance of evaluations to inform the planning process and program choices for the organizations. As with the Project panelists, the PIE panelists also would have liked to see the results of past evaluations and how that has affected the organizations' strategies. Although many organizations provided high-quality work samples and support material, it was noted several times that the video or audio clips provided could be of better quality and shown a higher standard of artistic excellence. The panelists also would have liked to see more demographic data regarding the populations that were served by the applicant organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was one public comment for the PIE Grants panel. At the end of the panel on May 23, 2018, Elinor Bugli, Carson City Symphony and Mile High Jazz Association, thanked the panel for their hard work and said she knew it was difficult to see such big cuts in the recommended amounts due to the funding restrictions, and said she would continue to advocate for more funds for the arts.

**PANEL COMMENTS FOR NAC:**

After the panel completed the review process, we asked for their comments regarding the Nevada Arts Council's online grants application system, the review process and any other issue that they chose to share. Here's a sampling:

- Overall GO SMART was easy to use, however the scrolling feature on the application PDF was difficult, suggest using downloaded panel book for viewing on a computer instead.
- Good communication throughout the panel process, maybe include a list for the Lead Panelist of exactly what their lead grant review should include.
- Loved the scoring rubric and the pre/post score section.
- The comments section of the score sheets may have been more effective if it had been broken out into comments on each narrative question with comments on budget, evaluation, demographics and exit surveys especially highlighted.
- At least 50%, if not 75%, of the panelists should be from Nevada. I noticed that the out of state panelists scored harder than Nevada panelists, and so you wouldn't want a lot of outsiders or it will unfairly skew scores.

**SCORING REVIEW:**

NAC staff will now facilitate the scoring review for the FY19 Partners in Excellence Tier 1 grants. Please see the included PIE score spreadsheet.

**SIERRA SCOTT:**

FY 19 PIE Tier Level 1 (List Name and Final Recommended amount)

**BOARD CHAIR JULIA ARGER:**

Motion and approval of funding for FY19 Partners in Excellence Tier 1 Level 1 Grants.

**SIERRA SCOTT:**

FY 19 PIE Tier Level 2 (List Name and Final Recommended amount)

**BOARD CHAIR JULIA ARGER:**

Motion and approval of funding for FY19 Partners in Excellence Tier 1 Level 2 Grants.

**SIERRA SCOTT:**

FY 19 PIE Tier Level 3 (List Name and Final Recommended amount)

**BOARD CHAIR JULIA ARGER:**

Motion and approval of funding for FY19 Partners in Excellence Tier 1 Level 3 Grants.

**PIE TIER 1 LEVEL 1**

Applicant Number	Applicant Name	City	Amount Requested	Scores				Average Score	Av. Funding %	Recommended Amount	Funding Scenario 1	Actual Funding
				JH	KM	NP	KR					
19:1:01 - 190003	Red Mountain Music Company	Boulder City	\$ 4,000.00	70	75	81	71	74.3	74.3%	2,970.00	\$ 1,848.79	\$ 1,849.00
19:1:02 - 190006	Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists	Las Vegas	\$ 4,000.00	72	87	93	86	84.5	84.5%	3,380.00	\$ 2,104.01	\$ 2,104.00
19:1:03 - 190011	Myron Heaton Chorale Las Vegas Inc	Henderson	\$ 4,000.00	35	51	41	66	48.3	48.3%		\$ -	
19:1:04 - 190036	The Nevada Woodchucks, Inc.	Reno	\$ 4,000.00	84	91	89	97	90.3	90.3%	3,610.00	\$ 2,247.18	\$ 2,247.00
19:1:05 - 190050	Southern Nevada Bluegrass Music Society	Las Vegas	\$ 4,000.00	81	85	94	78	84.5	84.5%	3,380.00	\$ 2,104.01	\$ 2,104.00
19:1:06 - 190057	Lake Tahoe Classic Guitar Society dba Classical Gala West	Incline Village	\$ 4,000.00	60	78	90	52	70.0	70.0%	2,800.00	\$ 1,742.96	\$ 1,743.00
19:1:07 - 190059	New Dance Foundation for the Arts	Las Vegas	\$ 4,000.00	73	84	92	83	83.0	83.0%	3,320.00	\$ 2,066.66	\$ 2,067.00
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$28,000.00</b>					<b>Total Recommended</b>		<b>19,460.00</b>	<b>12,114</b>	<b>\$ 12,114.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>			<b>12,113.60</b>					<b>Total Available</b>		<b>12,113.60</b>		
% Available to Amount Requested			43.3%					<b>% Avail/Recom</b>		62.2%		
								<b>% Cut</b>		37.8%		

**PIE TIER 1 LEVEL 2**

Applicant Number	Applicant Name	City	Amount Requested	Scores				Average Score	Av. Funding %	Recommended Amount	Funding Scenario 1	Actual Funding
				JH	KM	NP	KR					
19:2:01 - 190018	Tahoe Chamber Music Society	Incline Village	\$ 2,000.00	70	89	96	75	82.5	82.5%	1,650.00	\$ 1,127.46	\$ 1,127.00
19:2:02 - 190023	Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association	Washoe Valley	\$ 6,500.00	75	84	70	84	78.3	78.3%	5,086.25	\$ 3,475.47	\$ 3,475.00
19:2:03 - 190041	Chinese New Year (CNY) in the Desert	Las Vegas	\$ 6,500.00	84	97	85		88.7	88.7%	5,763.33	\$ 3,938.12	\$ 3,938.00
19:2:04 - 190049	Proscenium Players	Carson City	\$ 6,500.00	47	44	55	51	49.3	49.3%	-	\$ -	\$ -
19:2:05 - 190053	Sierra Women's Ensemble dba Bella Voce	Reno	\$ 6,500.00	79	87	70	72	77.0	77.0%	5,005.00	\$ 3,419.95	\$ 3,420.00
19:2:06 - 190056	Las Vegas Pipe Band	Las Vegas	\$ 6,500.00	52	74	67	74	66.8	66.8%	4,338.75	\$ 2,964.69	\$ 2,965.00
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>			<b>34,500.00</b>					<b>Total Recommended</b>		<b>21,843.33</b>	<b>\$ 14,926</b>	<b>\$ 14,925.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>			<b>14,925.68</b>					<b>Total Available</b>		<b>14,925.68</b>		
% Available to Amount Requested			43.3%					<b>% Avail/Recom</b>		68.3%		
								<b>% Cut</b>		31.7%		

**PIE TIER 1 LEVEL 3**

Applicant Number	Applicant Name	City	Amount Requested	Scores				Average Score	Av. Funding %	Recommended Amount	Funding Scenario 1	Adj. Rec. Funding
				JH	KM	NP	KR					
19:3:01 - 190002	Carson Valley Arts Council	Minden	\$ 8,000.00	80	74	90	81	81.3	81.3%	6,500.00	\$ 3,403.12	\$ 3,403.00
19:3:02 - 190004	Wild Horse Productions	Carson City	\$ 8,000.00	83	90	93	82	87.0	87.0%	6,960.00	\$ 3,643.96	\$ 3,644.00
19:3:03 - 190009	Opera Las Vegas	Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	79	95	91	87	88.0	88.0%	7,040.00	\$ 3,685.85	\$ 3,686.00
19:3:04 - 190010	Carson Valley Community Theatre	Minden	\$ 8,000.00	76	74	77	70	74.3	74.3%	5,940.00	\$ 3,109.93	\$ 3,110.00
19:3:05 - 190012	The Las Vegas Young Artists Orchestra	Henderson	\$ 8,000.00	77	92	91	83	85.8	85.8%	6,860.00	\$ 3,591.61	\$ 3,592.00
19:3:06 - 190016	Sierra Nevada Ballet	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	85	96	91	87	89.8	89.8%	7,180.00	\$ 3,759.14	\$ 3,759.00
19:3:07 - 190017	Virgin Valley Artists Association	Mesquite	\$ 5,000.00	72	86	80	74	78.0	78.0%	3,900.00	\$ 2,041.87	\$ 2,042.00
19:3:08 - 190019	Henderson Symphony Orchestra	Henderson	\$ 8,000.00	79	85	85	79	82.0	82.0%	6,560.00	\$3,434.54	\$ 3,435.00
19:3:09 - 190020	Henderson Writers' Group	Henderson	\$ 8,000.00	89	88	83	81	85.3	85.3%	6,820.00	\$3,570.66	\$ 3,571.00
19:3:10 - 190021	Sierra School of Performing Arts	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	84	88	89	80	85.3	85.3%	6,820.00	\$3,570.66	\$ 3,571.00
19:3:11 - 190022	The Generator	Sparks	\$ 8,000.00	75	86	72	93	81.5	81.5%	6,520.00	\$3,413.60	\$ 3,414.00
19:3:12 - 190025	Capital City Arts Initiative	Carson City	\$ 8,000.00	85	82	88		85.0	85.0%	6,800.00	\$3,560.19	\$ 3,560.00
19:3:13 - 190026	A Public Fit Corporation	Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	70	70	76	71	71.8	71.8%	5,740.00	\$3,005.22	\$ 3,005.00
19:3:14 - 190027	Get in the Act! Arts in Action	Dayton	\$ 8,000.00	85	91	88	82	86.5	86.5%	6,920.00	\$3,623.02	\$ 3,623.00
19:3:15 - 190029	Foundation to Assist Young Musicians	Las Vegas	\$ 6,500.00	84	70	75	81	77.5	77.5%	5,037.50	\$2,637.42	\$ 2,637.00
19:3:16 - 190030	Tahoe Arts Project	Tahoe	\$ 8,000.00	80	68	81	82	77.8	77.8%	6,220.00	\$3,256.53	\$ 3,257.00
19:3:17 - 190031	Left of Center Art Gallery	North Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	84	85	84	88	85.3	85.3%	6,820.00	\$3,570.66	\$ 3,571.00
19:3:18 - 190032	Nevada Ballet Theatre	Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	86	97	91		91.3	91.3%	7,306.67	\$3,825.46	\$ 3,825.00
19:3:19 - 190033	Orgonym dba ARTECH	Reno	\$ 6,000.00	60	64	71	73	67.0	67.0%	4,020.00	\$2,104.70	\$ 2,105.00
19:3:20 - 190034	Reno Pops Orchestra	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	80	85	89	85	84.8	84.8%	6,780.00	\$3,549.72	\$ 3,550.00
19:3:21 - 190035	A.V.A. Ballet Theatre	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	84	91	90	90	88.8	88.8%	7,100.00	\$3,717.26	\$ 3,717.00
19:3:22 - 190037	Sin City Opera	LAS VEGAS	\$ 6,500.00	65	70	83	77	73.8	73.8%	4,793.75	\$ 2,509.80	\$ 2,510.00
19:3:23 - 190038	Reno Jazz Orchestra	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	96	85	91	82	88.5	88.5%	7,080.00	\$ 3,706.79	\$ 3,707.00
19:3:24 - 190040	Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society	Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	72	73	85	82	78.0	78.0%	6,240.00	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 3,267.00
19:3:25 - 190045	Carson City Symphony Association	Carson City	\$ 8,000.00	89	85	89	80	85.8	85.8%	6,860.00	\$ 3,591.61	\$ 3,592.00
19:3:26 - 190046	Yerington Theatre for the Arts	Yerington	\$ 8,000.00	92	86	83	80	85.3	85.3%	6,820.00	\$ 3,570.66	\$ 3,571.00
19:3:27 - 190047	The Desert Chorale	Las Vegas	\$ 8,000.00	68	67	79	70	71.0	71.0%	5,680.00	\$ 2,973.81	\$ 2,974.00
19:3:28 - 190048	Dam Short Film Society	Boulder City	\$ 8,000.00	74	77	79	76	76.5	76.5%	6,120.00	\$ 3,204.17	\$ 3,204.00
19:3:29 - 190051	Shooting the West	Winnemucca	\$ 8,000.00	84	82	82	92	85.0	85.0%	6,800.00	\$ 3,560.19	\$ 3,560.00
19:3:30 - 190052	Good Luck Macbeth	Reno	\$ 8,000.00	83	88	85	84	85.0	85.0%	6,800.00	\$3,560.19	\$ 3,560.00
19:3:31 - 190055	Mile High Jazz Band Association, Inc.	Carson City	\$ 8,000.00	89	93	89	93	91.0	91.0%	7,280.00	\$3,811.50	\$ 3,811.00
	<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>		<b>\$240,000.00</b>					<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>198,318</b>	<b>103,831</b>	<b>\$ 103,833.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>		<b>103,830.85</b>					<b>Total Available</b>	<b>103,830.85</b>			
	% Available to Amount Requested		43.3%					<b>% Avail/Recom</b>	52.4%			

**% Cut** 47.6%