

Grant Guidelines

PHASE 8 – HISTORY ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM SERVING NEW JERSEY ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IS HISTORY

Request for Proposals and Application Information – Opening Spring 2024

The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund (NJACRF) was established in 2020 to ensure the survival and strength of the state’s arts and culture nonprofit sector during and after the pandemic.

The Fund was created as a public-private partnership, capitalizing on the resources and expertise available through the government, corporate, community, and private philanthropic sectors. Strategic alignment of these partners ensures a coordinated approach to sector support and ongoing dialogue with the field and stakeholders.

The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund provides financial support to stabilize and build resilience among New Jersey-based smaller nonprofit arts and culture organizations. **This round of funding is specifically for organizations whose primary mission is History such as History Museums, Historic Sites, Historical Societies and other organizations whose primary focus and programming focus is History.**

Phase 8 of the **New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund** (NJARCF) grantmaking will provide grants to eligible nonprofit history organizations. The grant application is open to all New Jersey-based historical organizations who meet eligibility requirements.

The Fund is committed to equity and seeks to address the underrepresentation and incomplete storytelling that has marginalized the creative, historical, and intellectual contributions of some groups including Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey. We seek to support organizations that highlight places of historical significance and preserve and tell the histories of marginalized people and communities.

Phase 8: New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund provides unrestricted grant support for History Organizations such as History Museums, Historic Sites, Historical Societies and other eligible nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is History.

Priority Criteria:

We anticipate the number of requests will exceed the available funds in this round of grantmaking. We will consider the following aspects of the requests and give priority to:

- History organizations working in and/or for low- to moderate-income communities in South, Central, and Northern New Jersey.
- Organizations most currently and historically affected by systemic injustice.

- Organizations addressing gaps in History including the underrepresentation and incomplete storytelling that has marginalized the creative, historical, and intellectual contributions of some groups including Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey.
- Organizations that preserve places of importance to Black, Indigenous Latinx or other people of color
- Organizations with a demonstrated commitment to equity.
- Organizations with clear evidence of engagement with their community.

Eligibility:

We will accept applications from organizations that meet the following eligibility requirements. The applicant must:

- Be incorporated in New Jersey as a 501(c)(3) and serve New Jersey communities;
- Have primary programming in one or more New Jersey counties
- Employ at least one year-round, part-time, **paid employee or unpaid year-round part-time person** (dedicated volunteer) working a minimum of 20 hours per week in an administrative or a combined administrative/leadership role.
- Have a primary mission focused on History
- Be in operation for a minimum of two years prior to the application
- Have budget expenditures of less than \$5 Million

The following are not eligible for this funding opportunity (though can be an application partner):

- Individuals are not directly eligible but may be funded through an intermediary organization.
- Organizations without paid staff or without a dedicated volunteer that works at least 20 hours per week on a year-round basis.
- Local, state, or federal government agencies.
- Organizations that offer history programming but whose mission is not primarily history, such as social services or community development organizations, zoos, museums, science centers, and botanical gardens.
- Stand-alone or one-time festivals, conferences, or other events. Stand-alone publications, films/videos, or websites.
- Religious organizations.
- Groups that are legally, financially, or operationally part of a larger institution, e.g., the History department of a college.
- Colleges, universities, or Pre-K to 12 educational institutions

Fiscal Sponsors:

The NJACRF allows fiscal sponsors to apply. A Fiscal Sponsor Agreement (FSA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required to be submitted along with the application.

Charity Registration:

Organizations awarded grants must be registered with the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs as a charity in good standing. For more info, please visit <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/charities/Pages/FAQ.aspx>. To check your status, you may visit <https://njconsumeraffairs.state.nj.us/public-charity-search-results>

Grant Parameters

- Organizations can apply for up to \$50,000
- Grants are for General Operating Support
- Award amounts will take into consideration the organization's total budget and capacity
- Applicants will be required to submit an application and budget via Princeton Area Community Foundation's grant portal at njartsculture.org.
- If accepted, grantees will be required to complete a short report outlining use of funds within twelve months of the completion of the grant period

Information Sessions:

Information sessions will be announced when the application opens. Check back on our website for updates.

Application Requirements and Review Process:

Organizations interested in applying for a grant will be required to answer an eligibility quiz prior to accessing the application portal. Those deemed ineligible for the grant will receive immediate notice.

An overview of the application questions will be provided when the application opens. We suggest you answer the questions in a word document and then enter them into the online application.

Once submitted, applications will be assessed by a review panel with a goal of notifying applicants of the decision within 10- 12 weeks of application deadline.

Review Process:

Grant decisions will be made by the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund Grants Committee. Decisions will be guided by a review panel of experts in the field after a thorough review using an evaluation rubric. The rubric will be made available when the application opens.

Questions?

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