

**Grant Guidelines**  
**PHASE 9 – GRANT PROGRAM**  
SERVING NEW JERSEY ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IS  
ARTS OR ARTS EDUCATION

Request for Proposals and Application Information  
**Application Deadline 11:59pm August 21, 2024**

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. **Phase 9 funding is specifically for organizations whose primary mission is Arts or Arts Education.**

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.

**Phase 9** of the **New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund** (NJARCF) grantmaking will provide grants to eligible nonprofit arts or arts education organizations. The grant application is open to all New Jersey-based cultural nonprofit 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.

**Phase 9: New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund provides *unrestricted* grant support.**

**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:

- Arts or Arts Education 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 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 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 Arts or Arts Education
- 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):**

- 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 Arts or Arts Education programming but whose mission is not primarily Arts or Arts Education, 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 Art department of a college.
- Colleges, universities, or Pre-K to 12 educational institutions

## **Fiscal Sponsors:**

The NJ Arts & Culture Renewal Fund allows fiscal sponsors to apply. A Fiscal Sponsor Agreement (FSA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is must 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](http://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:**

Please join us for an information session to answer any questions you have. Registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link.

To register for an information session, click on the link below corresponding to the session you wish to attend

Register for the **July 11, 2024** Phase 9 Zoom Information Session 1 [here](#)

Register for the **July 16, 2024** Phase 9 Zoom Information Session 2 [here](#)

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

**Application Deadline and Question Preview:**

**Deadline:** August 21, 2024 at 11:59pm

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.

Once submitted, applications will be assessed by a review panel with a goal of notifying applicants of the decision within 12-14 weeks of application deadline.

**Application 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 this [evaluation rubric](#) and follow-up full panel deliberation discussion.

**Important Dates for Phase 9**

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| July 10, 2024             | 2024 NJACRF Phase 9 Opens                |
| July 11, 2024             | Virtual Grant Info Session 1 at 11:00am  |
| July 16, 2024             | Virtual Grant Info Session 2 at 11:00 am |
| August 21, 2024           | Phase 9 requests due by 11:59pm          |
| Week of December 16, 2024 | Phase 9 decisions emailed                |

**Questions?**

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