

NEW JERSEY
**ARTS &
CULTURE**
RENEWAL FUND

CREATE IMPACT



[**IMPACT REPORT 2024**]



The **Renewal Fund** has evolved into a sustainable and critical source of support, working towards further strengthening a resilient, equitable, and vibrant community.



DEAR FRIENDS,

The New Jersey Arts & Culture Renewal Fund closed out 2024 by hitting a remarkable milestone: \$10 million distributed to 220 arts, culture, and history organizations and 400+ individual artists since 2020. From our innovative beginnings as a response to the pandemic, to our pivotal decision to become a 501c3 non-profit organization, the Renewal Fund remains committed to the arts and culture community.

In 2024, we deepened our engagement in the community by hosting convenings aimed at supporting arts, culture, and history non-profit leaders and their organizations. We gathered three times, in Trenton, Newark, and Camden, and were joined by over 200 grantees, cultural leaders, funders and community members!

We learned first-hand that securing sufficient funding remains the top challenge among smaller cultural organizations across New Jersey. It's community organizations like these that make our state unique. Unrestricted funding from the Renewal Fund remains vital for our grantees: organizations that enrich our lives, build community, and create change.

As we approach our fifth year, we look forward to deepening our understanding of sector needs and adapting our work to meet them. We know that arts and culture have the power to reshape communities, shift systems, foster cultural understanding and build bridges across differences. We are grateful for your enduring support and belief in our mission.

Sincerely,

Lynne Toye
Executive Director

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund is a connector, hosting gatherings to offer people time and space to connect. These convenings act as a platform for participants to gain valuable insights, build meaningful connections, and access resources that support professional growth and development. Importantly, these convenings are provided at no cost to participants in order to remove cost barriers.



“It was a pleasure to have a space where different organizations were able to share their ideas and experiences aiming at the same objectives, to grow and continue to make education accessible to their communities.”

– Melissa Niño, Artistic Director,
Trenton Music Makers



“Asbury Park Music Foundation truly appreciates the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund General Operating Support grant. Your grant supports our nonprofit mission to provide under-resourced youth with life-changing music education, help the local music scene thrive, and unite a diverse community through music. Thank you again for supporting Asbury Park Music Foundation and empowering us to build bridges through music.”

– Jim Lenskold, Board Chair,
Asbury Park Music Foundation

OUR REACH



In **2024**, we awarded over **\$1.2 Million** to **115** small to medium-sized non-profit organizations in the arts, arts education, and history sectors. The Renewal Fund was able to reach new organizations last year, increasing our total number of grants awarded in **2024** by **20%**.



"The Roxey Ballet Company is grateful for the support of the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund. Your support allows us to continue fostering aspiring artists and touching the lives of many in our community. Our mission continues to transcend boundaries through professional dance performances, immersive residencies, empowering educational programs, transformative workshops, and enriching master classes. On behalf of the Roxey Ballet Company, I want to express our sincerest thanks for your generous general operating support."

– Lees Hummel, The Roxey Ballet Company



OUR IMPACT

The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund continues our core work: offering critical financial support to strengthen the cultural sector. In **2024 one third** of our grants were awarded to arts education organizations.



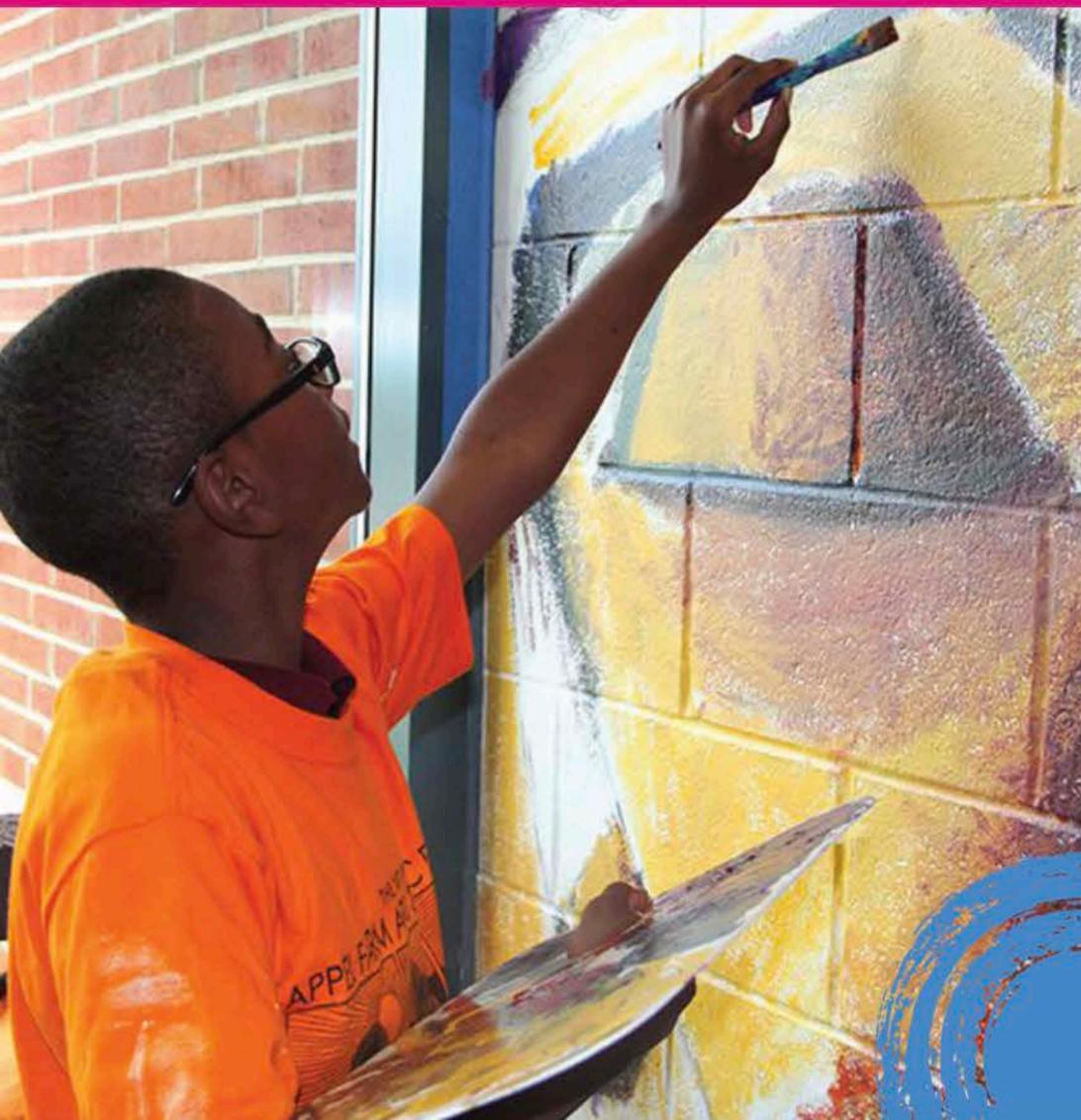
"Thanks to the funding from the NJ Arts & Culture Renewal Fund, we were able to go above and beyond our initial plans, bringing professional musicians to present interactive assemblies to Catto students throughout the school year. Students in our music classes were able to speak with professional musicians and it was clear that they were very inspired! Our ability to offer these additional opportunities for the students meant that we could engage them on a deeper level, and it shows: we have multiple students from the Catto school signed up for our summer music camp and we anticipate a high retention rate for next year's programs as well. Thank you NJ Arts & Culture Renewal Fund for helping us share the joy of music-making with these wonderful students!"

– Jocelyn Moore, Symphony in C



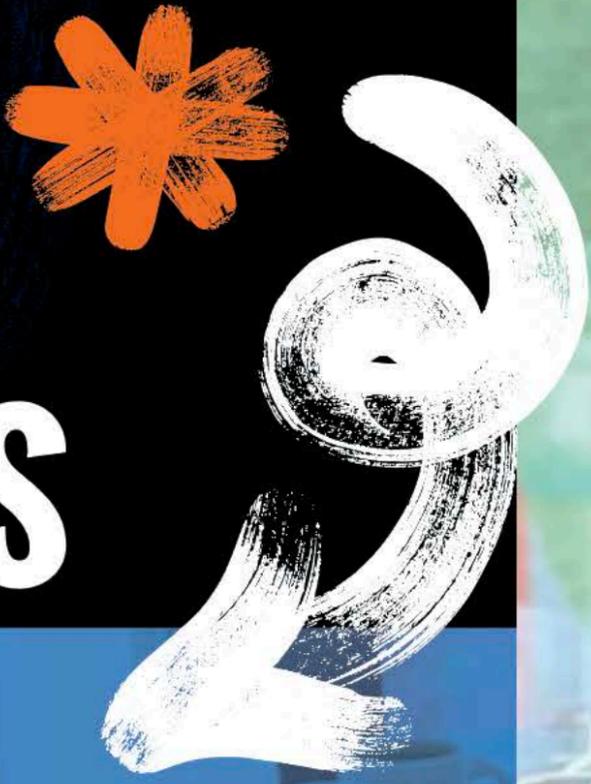
OUR PROGRESS

Since the Fund was created, the need for financial assistance among smaller New Jersey arts and culture organizations has remained steady. The Renewal Fund has since evolved into a sustainable and critical source of support, working towards further strengthening a resilient, equitable, and vibrant community around the sector. Recognizing the need to sustain the arts, culture, and history sector for the long term, the Renewal Fund became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and invested in infrastructure for the future. This new chapter not only strengthens the Fund's commitment to supporting arts and culture in New Jersey, but also enhances its ability to carry out its mission with greater impact.



“On behalf of the Nick Virgilio Haiku Association, thank you so much! We deeply appreciate the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund’s commitment to equitable access to the arts in NJ and its support of our organization leading into 2025. We’re excited to continue free poetry enrichment programming in Camden with this grant.”

– Camille Wilson, Nick Virgilio Haiku Association



2024 STATS

115

Grants Awarded in 2024

\$1,259,000

in Grants Awarded in 2024

35%

Over one third of grants awarded to
Arts Education Organizations

23

History Organizations Funded

3

Grantee Convenings

\$10+ Million

in Grants Awarded since 2020

220

Organizations Awarded Grants





GRANTEES SINCE 2020

COMPLETE LIST OF ALL NEW JERSEY ARTS AND CULTURE RENEWAL FUND GRANTEES

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Atlantic City Ballet
Atlantic City Arts Foundation
Bay Atlantic Symphony
Chicken Bone Beach Historical
Foundation Inc.
Eagle Theatre
Inlet Public Private Association Inc.,
dba Absecon Lighthouse
MudGirls Studios

BERGEN COUNTY

Adelphi Chamber Orchestra
Arts Horizons
CavanKerry Press
Center for Modern Dance Education
Epitome of Soul
MarbleJam Kids Inc.
Meadowlands Museum
Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, Inc.
The Art School at Old Church

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Alice Paul Institute
Arts Ed NJ (formerly NJ Arts Education
Partnership)
ArtPride New Jersey Foundation, Inc.
Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen's
Museum
Moorestown Theater Company
Perkins Center for the Arts
Roebing Museum
West Jersey Music Academy
Whitesbog Preservation Trust Inc.

CAMDEN COUNTY

Camden County Historical Society
Camden FireWorks
Camden Repertory Theater Community
Development
IDEA Center for the Arts
Lawnside Historical Society, Inc
Mainstage Center for the Arts
Mighty Writers
Ritz Theatre Company, Inc.
South Jersey Cultural Alliance
Superior Arts Institute
Symphony in C
The Nick Virgilio Haiku Association

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Cape May Stage
Center for Community Arts
East Lynne Theater Company
Greater Cape May Historical Society
Harriet Tubman Museum of Cape May
HCSV Foundation
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bayshore Center at Bivalve
Hands Up Silent Theatre A NJ
Nonprofit Corporation
Levoy Theatre Preservation Society, Inc.
Millville Army Airfield Museum, Inc.
Millville Development Corporation
Riverfront Renaissance Center for the
Arts
Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center

ESSEX COUNTY

Arts For Kids Inc
ArtsPower, Inc.
Arts Ed Newark
Barat Foundation
Gallery Aferro
GlassRoots
Ivy Hill Vailsburg Center for Arts
Culture and Community Activism
Keys 2 Success, Inc.
Jazz House Kids Inc.
Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District
Luna Stage
Lydia Johnson Dance
Montclair Art Museum
Montclair Film Festival, Inc.
Montclair History Center
Music Beyond Measure Inc.
New Jersey Ballet
New Jersey Historical Society
Newark Arts Council
Newark Boys Chorus School
Newark History Society
Newark Performing Arts Corporation
Newark Print Shop
Newark Public Radio, Inc.
Newark School of the Arts
Project for Empty Space
Pushcart Players, Inc.

Sharron Miller's Academy for the
Performing Arts, Inc.
South Orange Performing Arts Center
Studio Montclair Gallery
Talking Eyes Media
The Montclair Orchestra
Trilogy An Opera Company
University of Orange, a NJ Nonprofit
Corporation
ValleyArts LLC
Vanguard Theater Company
West Orange Arts Council Inc.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Gloucester County Historical Society

HUDSON COUNTY

Ariel Rivka Dance
Art House Productions
Educational Arts Team
Guttenberg Arts
Hoboken Historical Museum
Hudson Theatre Works, Inc.
Mile Square Theatre
Jersey City Arts Council
Jersey City Theatre Center
Kennedy Dancers, Inc.
Nimbus Dance Works Inc
RiverviewJazz.Org
Speranza Theatre Company
Surati for Performing Arts
The Grace Theatre Workshop, Inc.
The Kennedy Dancers, Inc.
Thomas A. Edison Media Arts
Consortium
United Children's Music Project
(formerly Union City Music Project, Inc.)
Victory Hall Inc.

HUNTERDON COUNTY

ACME Screening Room
Hunterdon Art Museum
Roxey Ballet Company

MERCER COUNTY

6th Regiment United States Colored
Troops
Art Against Racism A NJ Nonprofit
Arts Council of Princeton
Artworks Trenton Inc
Capital Harmony Works

GRANTEES SINCE 2020

COMPLETE LIST OF ALL NEW JERSEY ARTS AND CULTURE RENEWAL FUND GRANTEES

Capital Singers of Trenton
Conservatory of Music and Performing Arts Society
Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra
Historic Morven Museum & Garden
Historical Society of Princeton
Hopewell Valley Arts Council
James R Halsey Foundation of the Arts
New Jersey Capital Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc.
Old Barracks Association, Inc.
Passage Theatre Company
People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos
Preservation New Jersey
Princeton Ballet Society
Princeton Symphony Orchestra Inc
Storytelling Arts
Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum
Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra
The Princeton Festival, A NJ Non-Profit
Trent House Association
Trenton Children's Chorus
Trenton Civil Circus Project Inc dba
Trenton Circus Squad
Trenton Museum Society
Trenton Music Makers
West Windsor Arts Council
Westrick Music Academy
Young Audiences NJ and Eastern PA

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

American Theater Group
coLAB Arts
Crossroads Theatre Company
Dance New Jersey, Inc.
George Street Playhouse
Hub City Jazz Festival, Inc.
Lazos America Unida
Metuchen-Edison Historical Society
Raices Culture Center
Redhawk Indian Arts Council, Inc.

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Algonquin Arts Theatre
Allaire Village Inc.
Asbury Park African-American Music Project Inc
Asbury Park Arts Council
Asbury Park Music Foundation

Axelrod Performing Arts Center
Garden State Film Festival
Holiday Express Inc.
Holmdel Theatre Company
Inspire Life
Jazz Arts Project, Inc.
Middletown Township Cultural & Arts Council, Inc.
Monmouth County Arts Council Inc aka
Monmouth Arts
Monmouth County Historical Association
Monmouth Museum
New Jersey Repertory Company
Ocean Grove Historic Preservation /
Jersey Shore Arts Center
Phoenix Productions, Inc.
Rokit Live Foundation, Inc.
T. Thomas Fortune Foundation
Twin Lights Historical Society

MORRIS COUNTY

Art in the Atrium
ARTS By The People
Harmonium Choral Society
Macculloch Hall Historical Museum
Morris Arts
Museum of Early Trades & Crafts
New Jersey Ballet Company
Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, Inc.
The Growing Stage Theatre for Young Audiences, Inc
The New Jersey Play Lab
The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey

OCEAN COUNTY

Brick Children's Community Theatre (BCCT)
Exit 82 Theatre Company
John F. Peto Studio Museum
New Jersey Theatre Alliance
Ocean Professional Theatre Co DBA
Surflight Theatre

PASSAIC COUNTY

Botto House American Labor Museum, Inc.
Friends of Yogi, Inc.
Hamilton Partnership for Paterson Inc.
Inner City Ensemble
Storytelling Arts, Inc.

SALEM COUNTY

Appel Farm Arts & Music Center

SOMERSET COUNTY

All Children's Art Center of NJ
Frontline Arts, A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation
League of Historical Societies of NJ
Lost Souls Public Memorial Project
The Center for Contemporary Art

SUSSEX COUNTY

Peters Valley School of Craft, Inc.
Save Ellis Island
Sparta Historical Society

UNION COUNTY

American Theater Group
Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company
DuCret School of Art
Educational Arts Team
Elizabeth Youth Theater Ensemble
Institute of Music For Children Inc
Keys 2 Success
Liberty Hall Museum Inc.
Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum
Music For all Seasons, Inc.
New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble
NJ Festival Orchestra
People Helping People, Inc.
The Continuo Arts Foundation
The Discovery Orchestra
The Theater Project, A NJ Non-Profit Corp,
Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC)
Visual Arts Center of New Jersey
Vivid Stage (formerly Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre)
Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts

WARREN COUNTY

Blairstown Live-Arts, Inc.



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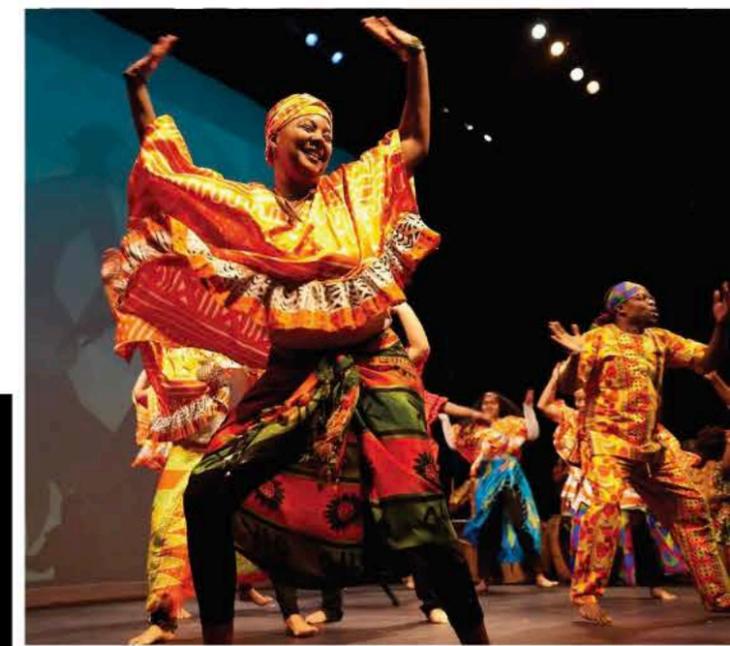
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