



Grant Overview – March 2023

PHASE 5 - INTERMEDIARY GRANT PROGRAM

SERVING INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS, TEACHING ARTISTS, AND CULTURE WORKERS

Request for Proposals and Application Information

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 catalyze an equitable statewide recovery and build resilience for New Jersey-based smaller nonprofit arts and culture organizations.

Phase 5: NJACRF support for Individual Artists, Teaching Artists, and Culture Workers

In this round, the Fund will provide grants directly to nonprofit organizations who will act as intermediaries to re-grant funds to support artists, teaching artists, and culture workers.

The Fund cannot make grants directly to individuals. However, arts and culture service organizations or other intermediaries with a demonstrated track record of supporting a diverse group of artists, teaching artists, or culture workers can apply for funding to administer a re-grant program. Funds can be distributed through the nonprofit intermediary to help support artists’ basic living and career-sustaining needs due to the loss of work and earning opportunities caused by the pandemic and other sector disruptions.

Grants will support nonprofit organizations whose primary focus is Arts & Culture and/or Arts Education. As the fund develops and the needs and priorities of the sector change, Fund priorities may evolve accordingly.

The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund (NJARCF) grantmaking will provide grants to eligible nonprofit arts and culture organizations with established relationships with a diverse network of individual artists, teaching artists and culture workers managing post-pandemic challenges, and/or negatively impacted by non-pandemic challenges. While the grant application is open to all arts and culture organizations who meet eligibility requirements, in recognition of long-standing disparities in funding, the fund seeks to create a more equitable sector by prioritizing organizations serving and/or led by Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey. The Fund seeks to support organizations that are embracing and acting upon cultural shifts catalyzed by the pandemic. Its philosophy and practices are committed to supporting organizations most currently and historically affected by systemic injustice.

Further, the Fund seeks to address the underrepresentation and incomplete storytelling that has marginalized the creative, historical, and intellectual contributions of Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey. We seek to support organizations that highlight the creative work of BIPOC individuals, support places of historical significance to BIPOC communities and preserve and tell the histories of BIPOC people and communities.

Please Note: There will be a separate grant process for grants to History Organizations in late March 2023.

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 and arts education organizations working in and/or for underserved communities in South, Central, and northern New Jersey.
- Organizations most currently and historically affected by systemic injustice.
- Organizations serving communities most vulnerable to the impact of various sector disruptions and/or pursuing social justice work through arts and arts education programming.
- Organizations that are BIPOC-led and/or BIPOC-serving
- Organizations showing clear evidence of inclusive practices in Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion (DEAI) and clear evidence of tangible progress to diversify their leadership, staff and governance.

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/artistic leadership role. A part-time primarily artistic employee does not meet this eligibility requirement.
- Have a primary mission focused on arts & culture or arts education
- Be in operation for a minimum of two years prior to the application
- Have budget expenditures of \$5 Million or less

The following are not eligible for this funding opportunity:

- Organizations without a dedicated staff member or dedicated volunteer to oversee administrative activities.
- Local, state, or federal government agencies.
- Organizations that offer arts or arts education programming but whose mission is not primarily arts or arts education, (e.g., social services or community development organizations, zoos, 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
- Organizations with budget expenditures of over \$5 Million

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 Intermediary Grants to regrant funds to individuals
- The maximum grant award is \$50,000
- Award amounts will take into consideration the organization's total operational budget
- Applicants will be required to submit an application and budget via Princeton Area Community Foundation's grant portal at njartsculture.org.
- If awarded a grant, grantees will be required to complete a short report outlining use of funds one year after the grant is awarded.

Application Requirements and Review Process:

Application opens March 14, 2023

Applications are due April 25, 2023 at 11:59pm

Organizations interested in applying for an Intermediary grant will be required to answer an eligibility quiz prior to accessing the application. Only organizations that are deemed eligible

based on the Eligibility Quiz will be permitted to apply. You must submit your application online by 11:59pm on the deadline date. You will receive an automated email confirmation that your proposal has been received. All required documents should be uploaded into your online application.

An overview of the application questions can be reviewed [here](#). We suggest you answer the questions in a word document and then enter them into the online application portal.

Information Sessions:

Please join us for an information session to answer any questions you have. **Please click on the date below to RSVP for the session of your choice:**

[Registration Link for Wednesday March 15 at 10am](#)

[Registration Link for Friday March 17 at 10am](#)

Review Process:

Grant decisions will be made by the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund steering committee comprised of a coalition of funders and stakeholders galvanized around the Fund's mission to ensure the survival and strength of the arts and culture sector now and into the future. Decisions will be guided by a review panel of artists and arts, arts education and philanthropy experts after a thorough review using this [evaluation rubric](#).

Important Dates for Phase 5

Tuesday, March 14, 2023	2023 NJACRF Phase 5 Opens
(Wed) 3/15 and 3/17 (Fri)	Virtual Grant Info Sessions at 10:00am
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	Phase 5 requests due by 11:59pm
Week of June 19, 2023	Phase 5 decisions emailed

Questions?

For technical assistance contact techsupport@pacf.org

For inquiries regarding grant guidelines contact Lynne Toyne at ltoye@pacf.org

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