



**PHASE 7 – Grant Overview**  
SERVING ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
**July 2023**  
**Request for Proposals and Application Information**

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 7 of the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund** (NJARCF) grantmaking will provide **unrestricted** grants to eligible nonprofit arts and arts education organizations managing ongoing post-pandemic challenges, experiencing unexpected reductions in funding and/or negatively impacted by non-pandemic challenges. This round of funding is not open to History organizations. A separate round of funding for History organizations will open in 2024. While the grant application is open to all arts and arts education organizations who meet eligibility requirements, in recognition of long-standing disparities in funding and acknowledging that the pandemic disproportionately affected Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC), it will **prioritize** small to medium-sized organizations that are BIPOC-led and/or BIPOC-serving.

The New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund centers equity in its grantmaking. The Fund seeks to address the underrepresentation and incomplete storytelling that has marginalized the creative, historical, and intellectual contributions of Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey. To preview the grant application questions [click here](#).

**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 southern, central, and northern New Jersey.
- Organizations currently and historically most affected by systemic injustice.

- Organizations serving communities most vulnerable to the impact of various sector disruptions and/or pursuing social justice and/or racial justice work through arts and arts education programming.
- Organizations with narratives and programs that include the creative and intellectual contributions of Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) in New Jersey
- Organizations with clear evidence of engagement with their community.
- Organizations that are BIPOC-led and/or BIPOC-serving.
- Organizations showing clear evidence of inclusive and intentional practices in Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion (DEAI).

### 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 at least one **unpaid** year-round part time dedicated volunteer working a minimum of 20 hours per week in an administrative or a combined administrative/artistic 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 expenses and revenue of \$5 million or less.

**The following are not eligible for this funding opportunity:**

- Organizations without a dedicated volunteer or staff member to oversee administrative activities.
- Local, state, or federal government agencies.
- Organizations that offer arts and/or arts education programming but whose mission is not primarily arts or arts education, such as 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 or arts education department of a college.
- Colleges, universities, or Pre-K to 12 educational institutions.
- History organizations

### 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. Request amount should not exceed 25% of the organization's operational budget.
- Grants are unrestricted for General Operating Support (GOS)
- Award amounts will take into consideration the organization's total operational budget.
- Applicants will be required to submit an application and budget via the Princeton Area Community Foundation online grant application portal.
- If awarded a grant, grantees will be required to complete a short report outlining use of funds within twelve months of the completion of the proposed grant.

## Information Sessions: July 27 and August 1 at 11am

Please join us for an information session to answer any questions you have. Attendance at the information is not required to apply. Registration for the Information session is required. Click on the link below to register and receive the Zoom link.

[Registration Link for Thursday July 27 at 11am](#)

[Registration Link for Tuesday August 1 at 11am](#)

## Application Requirements:

The Application Deadline is August 31, 2023 at 11:59pm.

Organizations interested in applying for a grant will be required to answer an eligibility quiz prior to accessing the application portal. Only those deemed eligible will be able to apply for this grant.

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.

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

### Review Process:

Grant decisions will be made under the oversight of the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund Grants Committee. Decisions will be guided by a review panel of experts and leaders in the field after a thorough review using this [evaluation rubric](#) and follow-up full panel discussion.

### Important Dates for Phase 7

July 24, 2023	NJACRF Phase 7 Application Opens
July 27 and August 1, 2023	Grant Info Sessions at 11:00am
August 31, 2023	Applications due by 11:59pm
Week of November 6, 2023	Phase 7 decisions emailed

### Questions?

For technical assistance contact [techsupport@pacf.org](mailto:techsupport@pacf.org)

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