The Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee shall be responsible for the distribution of the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund monies to support creative and cultural activities. Full description of role, responsibilities, and commitment will be listed below, as outlined in Ordinance No. 201-042.

Voting membership

- 6 residents of Jersey City representing each Ward (A-F)
- Mayor or his/her designee

Terms

- 2 years in staggered terms
- No more than 2 consecutive terms

Qualifications

Members should reflect the diversity of Jersey City. Nominees must be Jersey City residents and have two or more of the following:

- Appreciation of the arts
- Professional expertise in an arts field
- Service to the public
- Understanding of the Jersey City population and landscape

A voting Committee member may not sit on the board or be on the staff of an organization that is applying for the grant during that cycle. Members agree not to engage or enter into any contract that poses a conflict of interest, or they shall end their tenure with the Committee.

Responsibilities

- Distribution of the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund monies to support creative and cultural activities, including but not limited to, performing, visual, and fine arts, music, dance, graphic design, film, digital media and video, architecture and urban design, humanities, literature, arts and culture education, historic preservation, museum curation, crafts, and folk arts.
- Review, prioritization, and evaluation of projects and applications for funding from the Arts and Culture Trust Fund. The
Committee will make the final decision and evaluations regarding approval or denial of grant applications.

Final Report

- At the close of the granting cycle, the Committee will create a final report regarding all approved or denied applications, evaluation applications, and distribution of funds to applicants, and any other information the Committee may deem appropriate.

Annual Review

- The Committee will create an annual review and report of grant recipients to ensure that the demographics of recipients are reflective of the demographics of Jersey City. The results of this review should show an increase in arts access in underserved communities.
- The Committee will make necessary changes if this goal is not being met.
- The Committee may seek input from residents regarding the future of the Arts and Culture Trust Fund. It may share its findings with City Council and other City entities as is appropriate.

Compensation: None

Equity Statement

The Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund envisions equity as the values, methods, and systems that warrant that all people who have been historically underrepresented based on race/ethnicity, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, citizenship status, or religion, are included in the advancement of arts and culture in Jersey City, at all levels of participation, encompassing impartial allocation of programmatic, fiscal, and educational devices. True equity implies that individuals, organizations, and communities may need to experience or receive something different (not equal) in order to maintain fairness and access. The Trust is committed to the creation of opportunities for historically underserved populations to have access to resources and opportunities that will advance the closing of achievement and access gaps in the arts.