

Arts and Culture Trust Fund

FAQ and Timeline:

Updated 5/18/21

Check back for updates. As more information becomes available, we will add to this FAQ

December 2020
Complete

Ordinance established for the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund

Q: What did the December 2020 Ordinance establish?

A: This Ordinance establishes the Fund and allows us to collect up to the amount allowed via state statute. The rate will be set via Ordinance after the fund is created.

January 12, 2021
timeline Tuesday 7pm

Public Meeting: Overview, tax rate and grant

Q: Who is facilitating this process?

A: Public discussion with the arts community is being facilitated by Councilperson Mira Prinz-Arey, Christine Goodman (Cultural Affairs), Vernon Richardson (Mayor's Office) with the Jersey City Arts Council.

Q: Who is on the Arts & Culture Trust Committee?

A: The Committee has not been formed yet. The Committee structure and goals will be addressed at the next Arts meeting. The Committee structure will be voted on by City Council.

Q: Is the Arts & Culture Trust Committee going to be the ones creating the goals, and structure of the grants?

A: The public meetings will provide space and opportunity for the arts community to discuss drafts and have the opportunity to offer feedback before these items move forward. Drafts are created by:

- Feedback from previous public meetings with the arts community
- Direct suggestions from Jersey City arts leaders
- Existing models and best practices
- Legal review
- Concerns from residents

Once the Arts & Culture Trust Committee is formed, it will have a lot of work to do to keep this undertaking on schedule. We aim to line up all elements for the

Committee review. This includes drafts of all items relating to the grant process that the arts community has had the opportunity to review and discuss.

PASSED

City Council: Ordinance for Arts Trust tax rate

Please note: The rate will have to be set by Ordinance via the State statute. The Ordinance is being reviewed and we will update the arts community in advance of it going on the City Council agenda.

UPDATE: The Ordinance setting the rate at ¼ cent per \$100 of assessed property value will be put forward to the City Council for a first reading on Wednesday, February 24.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ORDINANCE](#)

UPDATE: This Ordinance will be tabled and will not be on the Agenda for Feb. 24. We will update this site with more information when it becomes available

February 9, 2021
Tuesday 7pm

Public Meeting: Arts and Culture Trust Committee, Review Panel,
Next Steps: Grant Categories and Priorities

April 28, 2021
PASSED

City Council: Ordinance to establish Committee structure

Committee structure is in the editing stage following public discussion. This will be an Ordinance.

March 9, 2021
Tuesday 7pm

Public Meeting: Review Grant Categories, Priorities and Review Panel

This meeting will be 90 mins and will revisit previous topics.

March 30, 2021
Tuesday 7pm

Public Meeting: Revisit Ordinance, Introduce Goals and Priorities

April 6, 2021
Tuesday 7pm

Public Meeting: Revisit Goals and Priorities

April 28, 2021
PASSED

City Council: Ordinance establishing Arts & Culture Trust Fund
Committee

This will be included in the Committee Ordinance.

May 13, 2021
PASSED

City Council: Jersey City Arts Council MOU
[Resolution to be submitted alongside the Committee Ordinance.](#)

May 18, 2021

Public Meeting: Revisit Goals and Priorities, Preview the Nomination
Form for the Trust Fund Committee

May 2021

Open Nominations for Trust Fund Committee

June 2021
TBA City Council: Trust Fund Committee vote

June 2021
TBA Open nominations for Review Panel

Aug 2021
TBA Trust Fund Committee: Procedures Handbook

Targets

September 2021 Target: Grant release

October 2021 Target: Grant deadline

November 2021 Target: Grant deadline

December 2021 Target: Grant Awards