

Arts and Culture Trust Fund meeting
4/27/2023

Co-Chair:

Good evening. This is a meeting of the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee. Today's date is Thursday April 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

I call this meeting to order at (X time)

STATEMENT OF ACCESS

For those who require captioning, please turn on the "CC" button at the bottom of the screen. For those who wish to make a public comment, please use the Q&A box and we will respond accordingly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Now please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Please be advised that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting of the Arts and Cultural Trust Fund Committee has been sent to the Jersey Journal, the Jersey City Reporter, and El Especialito on Wednesday, April 21, 2023. The same notice has been sent to the City Clerk for posting on the Bulletin Board outside the Clerk's office in City Hall and posted on the Jersey City Office of Cultural Affairs Website, jerseycityculture.org.

I have proof of this notice here in evidence.

ROLL CALL

Melida Rodas, Lisa Bellan-Boyer, Angelica Sanchez, Midori Yoshimoto, Paul Pinto , Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo, Joe Harkins

Non-Voting:

Councilwoman Mira Prinz-Arey, Heather Warfel, Christine Goodman (absent), Migdalia Pagan-Milano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from meeting of
April 13, 2023

Motion to accept: Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo

Second: Paul Pinto

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee: Grants

**1. Program, Arts Education, and General Operating Grant
recommendations**

OVERVIEW

The Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee received a total of 72 applications for Program Grants, Arts Education Grants, and General Operating Grants. The following training sessions were given to the public, to assist with the application process:

- A pre-recorded application tutorial, offering step-by-step instructions on how to complete each of the aforementioned applications
- 6 hours of “open office” sessions, where applicants could ask questions in person or online via Zoom
- A virtual “Budget Power Hour” where applicants could ask all budget related questions
- A pre-recorded budget overview explaining each line item.
- A pre-recorded instructional video for ADA Plans and Grievance Procedures
- A training session on ADA and Accessibility, presented by the Cultural Access Network

All sessions were recorded and made available online at jerseycityculture.org

The Program, Arts Education, and Operating Grant applications were made available in 60+ languages and met Tier 2 AA accessibility requirements.

72 applications were submitted, deemed complete, and moved onto evaluation by the Grant Review Panel.

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Members of this Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee have joined with the understanding of the Committee's Conflict of Interest Policy. We want to take a moment to acknowledge this policy:

According to Ordinance 21-030 of the Jersey City Municipal Code, Chapter 304, Article 9:

A voting Committee member may not sit on the Board of Trustees or be on staff of an organization who is applying for a grant during this grant cycle. Members agree not to engage or enter into any contracts that pose a conflict of interest, or they shall end their tenure with the Committee. Awardees are listed by groups and anyone wishing to recuse themselves may do so when the group is called.

PROGRAM GRANTS

We will begin with Program Grants. There are a total of 45 awards. The Grant Review Panel has scored these applications on a scale of 0-100. The Committee recommends grant award distribution based on these final scores, with the applications receiving the highest scores receiving full funding.

Those Applications receiving scores of 80 to 100 points are recommended for full funding.

Applications receiving scores of 70-79 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 59-69 points are recommended for 50% funding.

Based on this breakdown, I will now ask the Committee to vote on funding.

We will vote by GROUPS, beginning with GROUP A. **GROUP A: Recommended for full funding.**

Barrow Mansion	YERRRSpace	Jersey City Night Market
Schubertiade Review	Segunda Quimbamba	Half Light
Kyle Marshall	Morgaine De Leonadis	Con Vivo Music
NJ Symphony Summer Concert	Cantantes in Codibus	Benedicto Figuero
Monira Residencies	Daniel Scala	Pop-up Art Fair
	Jersey Art Book Fair	In Full Color

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Joe Harkins
Second: Paul Pinto
Motion passed with all in favor

GROUP B: Recommended for 75% funding.

Jersey City Parks Coalition
Japanese Cultural League of
JC
Washington Park Association
JC Fab Lab
Kenia C. Rosete

The Statuary
Hudson West Fest
Meagan Woods
JC Public Free Library
Foundation
McGinley Sq SID

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Paul Pinto
Second: Joe Harkins
All in favor
All opposed

GROUP C: Recommended for 50% funding.

North River Sing
Rachel Seig
Italian Educational Center
Andre Nicolas
Levitate Creative Services
CWS Jersey City Refugee Arts
Collective
Leyte Dance Theatre

Juan Diego Roque
Monica Shaw
Joshua Lay
Saint Peters University
Anthony Susco
Richard Kiamco
NGNRD LLC

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Elizabeth Phillip Lorenzo

Second: Paul Pinto

Motion passed with all in favor

Congratulations to all of our Program Grantees. We will now put up the award slides. There are 4 slides total for Program Grants. We will show one at a time now.

(CULTURAL AFFAIRS WILL SCREEN SHARE TO SHOW SLIDES)

ARTS EDUCATION GRANTS

We now continue to Arts Education Grants, with a total of 8 awards. The Grant Review Panel has scored these applications on a scale of 0-100. The Committee recommends grant award distribution based on these final scores, with the applications receiving the highest scores receiving full funding.

Those Applications receiving scores of 75 to 100 points are recommended for full funding.

Applications receiving scores of 60-75 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Based on this breakdown, I will now ask the Committee to vote on funding.

We will vote by GROUPS, beginning with GROUP A.

GROUP A: Recommended for full funding.

City Kidz Playhouse
Mana Contemporary
JC Print Room Bruno
Nadalin

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Melida

Second: Angelica

All in favor

All opposed

GROUP B: Recommended for 75% funding.

Jersey City Arts School

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Paul

Second: Joe

Motion passed with all in favor

Congratulations to all of our Arts Education Grantees. We will now put up the award slide.

(CULTURAL AFFAIRS WILL SCREEN SHARE TO SHOW SLIDE)

OPERATIONAL GRANTS

We will now proceed to Operational Grants. There are a total of 19 awards. The Grant Review Panel has scored these applications on a scale of 0-100. The Committee recommends grant award distribution based on these final scores, with the applications receiving the highest scores receiving full funding.

Those Applications receiving scores of 70 to 100 points are recommended for full funding.

Applications receiving scores of 60-69.9 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 50-59.9 points are recommended for 50% funding.

Based on this breakdown, I will now ask the Committee to vote on funding.

We will vote by GROUPS, beginning with GROUP A.

GROUP A: Recommended for full funding.

Educational Arts Team

Deep Space Gallery

Shakespeare@

Nimbus Arts Center

Sip Studios

Riverview Jazz

Kennedy Dancers

Smush Gallery

Speranza

Art Fair 14C

Pro Arts

Art House

Jersey City Theater Center

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Melida

Second: Paul

All in favor

GROUP B: Recommended for 75% funding.

Meenmoves

Jersey City Writers

Non Linear Knitting Studio LLC

Ariel Rivka Dance

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Melida

Second: Lisa

All in favor

GROUP C: Recommended for 50% funding.

Surati

Victory Hall

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Paul

Second: Melida

All in favor

All opposed

Congratulations to all of our General Operating Grantees. We will now put up the award slides. There are 2 slides total for Operating Grants. We will show one at a time now.

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INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANTS

2. Individual Artist Fellowship recommendations from the Jersey City Arts Council

Co-Chair: I now call the Jersey City Arts Council to present on the Individual Artist Fellowship program, a sub-grant of the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund.

Jersey City Arts Council:

The Jersey City Arts Council had a total of 155 fellowship applications. 151 of these were deemed complete and moved on to the evaluation stage by the Grant Review Panel.

The JCAC Board considered the applications recommended for a fellowship by the Grant Review Panel (46 applications out of a total 151 submitted applications). Applications that were recommended by more than one reviewer were added to the Final IAF Recommendations list (14 applications). Then the JCAC board looked at the total scores from reviewers for the recommended applications, and selected the highest scoring applications. Additional consideration was made to include diversity and representation across the Wards of Jersey City (while still using the scores of the review panel). This final list of 20 applications are the JCAC Board's recommendations for an Individual Artist Fellowship.

We are proposing 20 artists for Fellowships for 2023-2024 fiscal year

Co-Chair: We will vote for one group of 20 names recommended for Fellowships at \$5000 each.

Barbara Douglas	Jason Samuels Smith
Brandon Nicholas	Matthew Kulvicki
Christian Finger	Nanette Beachner
Danielle Scott	Nicholas D'Ornellas
Dominic Amarin	Sean Kiely
Elizabeth Tokloy	Stephanie Romano
Emily Gao	Thomas McGlynn
Eulalia Cabrera Ibars	Tina Maneca
Hiyasmine Gaskins	Troy Jones
Isabelle Duverger	Yiqing Zhao



Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept: Joe

Second: Melida

All in favor

Congratulations to the 20 artists who are receiving Fellowships.

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Congratulations to all 2023-2024 Grantees

SUMMARY

In total, there are 68 grant awards and 20 fellowship awards totaling \$1,062,984.00 for this round of funding from the Arts and Culture Trust Fund. I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their work in this process, in addition to the Grant Review Panel, the Jersey City Office of Cultural Affairs, and the Jersey City Arts Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Hearing none, we will move to:

NEW BUSINESS

Setting next meeting for. For anyone who wishes to refuse

PUBLIC COMMENT

We have been responding via the Q&A box. If there are any more public comments, please do include them now, and thank you for participating in tonight's meeting.

Paula Mahayosnand (Parks Coalition) thanked the committee saying that the grant has been a game changer to be able to offer many more programs to residents.

Many expressed congrats to the awardees.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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