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Mayor Fulop Encourages Jersey City Artists & Arts Organizations to Apply for 4th Round of Arts & Culture Trust Fund Grants

Applications Now Open for Funding Opportunities Supporting Jersey City’s Vibrant Arts Community

JERSEY CITY, NJ — Mayor Steven M. Fulop joins the **Office of Cultural Affairs** to announce the *fourth round of Arts and Culture Trust Fund grants, providing much-needed financial support for local artists, arts education, and cultural initiatives.* The Trust Fund collected \$1.1 million in 2024, representing a 3% increase. Applications are now being [accepted online](#) through February 18, 2025.

Mayor Fulop established the state’s first Arts and Culture Trust Fund with voters’ approval. “In just two years, we’ve been able to distribute nearly 300 grants totaling \$3 million to provide considerable support to our dynamic arts community, which plays a key role in enhancing equity, vitality, and diversity across our city.”

The Arts and Culture Trust Fund is a groundbreaking initiative that continues to strengthen and expand Jersey City’s dynamic arts and cultural landscape. Eligible applicants are invited to apply under one of the following grant categories:



- **Program Grants:** Supporting arts and cultural programming that enhances the community.
- **Arts Education Grants:** Fostering learning opportunities in the arts for residents of all ages.
- **General Operating Grants:** Providing operational funding for arts and cultural organizations.
- **Individual Artist Fellowship Grants:** For individual artists administered by the Jersey City Arts Council.

“These grants have proven to provide a much-needed boost to empower our talented artists and organizations, ensuring Jersey City remains a thriving hub for arts and culture,” said **Christine Goodman, Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs.**

Giselle Bellas - a singer, performer, and Jersey City resident - explains how receiving this grant changed her career and life trajectory after COVID. “Receiving the grant transformed my life and my art by giving me the resources and confidence to create my most ambitious work yet: a large-scale production that brought together a diverse group of artists and community members. It allowed me to expand my creative vision, collaborate with incredible talent, and amplify underrepresented voices in ways I had only dreamed of. The project not only strengthened my connection to the community but also inspired me to think bigger and create without limitations.

“The Jersey City Arts Council is proud to have managed the Individual Artist Fellowship program since its inception. We love seeing the inspiring work that Jersey City artists of all disciplines bring to the community! We are grateful for this partnership with the Trust Fund Committee and the city to provide vital unrestricted grant funds to working artists in our community,” said **Amy Elise, Chair of the Jersey City Arts Council.**

[Applications are now available online](#) for eligible programming scheduled between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. All interested parties are encouraged to apply.

To assist applicants with the submission process, the **Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee** will host a record number of [information sessions](#) across the city. These public workshops, offered both virtually and in person, will provide guidance on eligibility, application requirements, and best practices. Pre-recorded instructional videos are also available on the [Cultural Affairs](#) website to help applicants navigate the process.

For more information, workshop schedules, and application details, please visit jerseycityculture.org.

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ABOUT THE 2025-2026**

**JERSEY CITY
ARTS AND
CULTURE TRUST
FUND GRANT
APPLICATION?**

**All are welcome to drop into any one of our Sessions
with expanded locations this year!**

- THURSDAY
JANUARY
23**
IN PERSON ONLY
WARD F
City Hall Annex
354 MLK Dr
6PM-7:30PM
- MONDAY
JANUARY
27**
IN PERSON ONLY
WARDS A & B
New Jersey City University
Rossey Hall, Rm 101, 2039 Kennedy Blvd
6PM-7:30PM
- SATURDAY
FEBRUARY
8**
HYBRID: IN PERSON & ZOOM
WARD E
City Hall, 280 Grove St
Zoom: bit.ly/3W8ZnHq
11AM-2PM

- MONDAY
FEBRUARY
10**
IN PERSON ONLY
WARD C
Five Corners Library
678 Newark Ave
6PM-7:30PM
- THURSDAY
FEBRUARY
13**
IN PERSON ONLY
WARD D
The Statuary
53 Congress St
6PM-7:30PM
- FRIDAY
FEBRUARY
14**
ZOOM ONLY
ALL WARDS
Power Hour Budget Session
Zoom: bit.ly/3PqXuSw
12PM

