

Minutes of 4/25/24 for Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund meeting

Co-Chair:

Good evening. This is a meeting of the Jersey City Arts and Culture Trust Fund Committee. Today's date is Thursday April 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

I call this meeting to order at 5:51 pm

STATEMENT OF ACCESS

For those who require captioning, please turn on the "CC" button at the bottom of the screen. We also have Thyson, our ASL interpreter, for those who require sign language interpretation.

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, and El Especialito on Monday, April 22, 2024. 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

Ann Marley

Sandy Martiney

Nobuki Takamen

Elizabeth Phillips Lorenzo

Joe Harkins

Non-Voting:

Councilwoman Mira Prinz-Arey

Natalie Brathwaite of the Jersey City Arts Council

Christine Goodman, Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs

Migdalia Pagan-Milano, Assistant Director of the Office of Cultural Affairs

Sarah Martinez, Arts and Culture Trust Fund Administrator

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 133 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
- 3 Hybrid “open office” sessions, where applicants could ask questions in person or online via Zoom
- A pre-recorded budget overview explaining each line item
- 1 In-person “open office” session at the Earl Morgan Public Library, where applicants could ask questions in person
- A training session on ADA and Accessibility, presented by the Cultural Access Network

All recorded sessions were 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.

95 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 44 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 90 to 100 points are recommended for full funding.

Applications receiving scores of 80-89.9 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 70-79.9 points are recommended for 50% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 68-69.9 points are recommended for 25% 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.

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group A Funding Recommendations

Second

All in favor

All opposed

GROUP B: Recommended for 75% funding.

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group B Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

GROUP C: Recommended for 50% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group C Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group D Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

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.



Program Grant Awards 2024



Anti Violence Coalition of Hudson County	\$8,750
Arts and Music at the Church of St. Paul and Incarnation	\$2,500
Barrow Mansion	\$2,500
Bridge Art Gallery	\$14,250
Cantantes in Cordibus	\$12,316
Church World Service Jersey City	\$8,750
Con Vivo Music	\$13,125
Dancing Tony Productions	\$4,500
Farms in the Heights	\$14,375
Feminist Bird Club of Jersey City	\$5,000
Half-Light Productions	\$17,500
Historic Downtown Special Improvement District	\$5,850

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Hudson County Community College Foundation	\$13,125
Hudson West Fest Inc	\$13,125
In Full Color	\$6,840
Japanese Cultural League of Jersey City	\$1,000
JC Crafting Circle	\$9,909
Jersey City Ballet Theater	\$6,000
Jersey City Police Athletic League (JCPAL)	\$13,125
John T. Trigonis	\$13,125
Joshua Lay	\$2,500
Kenia Rosete Dance	\$4,375
Laia Cabrera & Co. LLC	\$13,125
Liberty Science Center	\$7,000

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McGinley Square Special Improvement District	\$7,500
Meagan Woods	\$13,125
Mise En Place Project	\$8,750
Monira Foundation	\$13,125
New Jersey Symphony	\$13,125
Next Generation Foundation for Street and Club Dance Culture	\$4,375
North River Sing	\$8,750
Sabor Latin Music & Dance	\$12,637
Saint Peter's University	\$6,793
Segunda Quimbamba Folkloric Center	\$13,125
Shehnaaz Dance Studio	\$4,375

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SocietyX	\$8,750
The Intertwine Festival	\$4,152
The Statuary	\$8,750
TongYan Chinese School	\$2,500
V Productions and Management (VPM)	\$8,500
Washington Park Association of Hudson County	\$2,500
WBGO	\$4,125
Welcome Home Jersey City	\$7,500
Whole Spectrum Autism	\$13,125

ARTS EDUCATION GRANTS

We now continue to Arts Education Grants, with a total of 13 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 90 to 100 points are recommended for full funding.

Applications receiving scores of 80-89.9 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 70-79.9 points are recommended for 50% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 68-69.9 points are recommended for 25% 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.

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group A Funding Recommendations

Second

All in favor
All opposed

GROUP B: Recommended for 75% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group B Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

GROUP C: Recommended for 50% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group C Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

GROUP D: Recommended for 25% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group D Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

Congratulations to all of our Arts Education Grantees. There are 2 slides total for Art Education Grants We will now put up the award slides.



Arts Education Grant Awards 2024

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Amy Wilson	\$1,000
Area of Refuge	\$13,125
Aura Highsmith Creative	\$3,000
Black Sheep Contemporary Ensemble	\$7,497
Brighter Bee Academy	\$13,125
City Kidz Playhouse	\$13,125
Future Art Leaders	\$6,250



Give Chances	\$13,125
JC Print Room	\$17,000
Jersey City Art School	\$5,500
Music Matters	\$4,375
NJCU Art Department	\$13,125
VAMP	\$5,153

OPERATIONAL GRANTS

We will now proceed to Operational Grants. There are a total of 21 awards. There was no recommended minimum award for this category, and the maximum award is \$25,000. 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.

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Applications receiving scores of 70-79.9 points are recommended for 75% funding.

Applications receiving scores of 60-69.9 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.

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group A Funding Recommendations

Second

All in favor
All opposed

GROUP B:. Recommended for 75% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group B Funding Recommendations
Second
All in favor
All opposed

GROUP C:. Recommended for 50% funding.
Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept Group C Funding Recommendations
Second
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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Operating Grant Awards 2024



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Ariel Rivka Dance	\$18,750
Art Fair 14C	\$25,000
Art House Productions	\$25,000
Deep Space Gallery	\$25,000
Educational Arts Team	\$18,750
Golden Door International Film Festival	\$9,000
Jersey City Film Group	\$18,750
Jersey City Theater Center	\$18,750
Jersey City Writers	\$18,750
Kennedy Dancers	\$25,000



MeenMoves	\$18,750
Nimbus Dance Works	\$25,000
NonLinear Knitting Studio	\$18,750
Pro Arts Jersey City	\$15,000
Riverview Jazz	\$25,000
Smush Gallery	\$25,000
Speranza Theatre Company	\$25,000
Styles House Youth Community Center	\$18,750
Surati for Performing Arts	\$25,000
The Curtain	\$18,750
Victory Hall / Drawing Rooms	\$25,000

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 148 fellowship applications.

Read by Jersey City Arts Council

We are proposing 20 artists for Fellowships for 2024-2025 fiscal year

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

Does anyone wish to recuse themselves

Motion to accept the Individual Artist Fellowship recommendations
Second

All in favor
All opposed

Congratulations to the 20 artists who are receiving Fellowships.

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SLIDE



Individual Artist Fellowship Grant Awards 2024



Anthony Williams	Laurie Riccadonna-Lewis
Cheryl R. Riley	Leslie McIntosh
Christine Barney	Michelle Vitale
Donald Gallagher	Milcah Bassel
Elizabeth Deegan	Nancy Cohen
Ernest Paniccioli	Nyugen Smith
Gregg Rosen	Ryan Roman
Hyeseon Hong	Samantha Geracht Myers
Josue Morales Urbina	Sky Kim-Emerick
Laura Tatham	Veronica Mang



Congratulations to all 2024-2025 Grantees

SUMMARY

In total, there are 78 grant awards and 20 fellowship awards totaling \$1,036,397.00 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 Thursday May 9, 2024.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

(6:14pm)