

2026 General Operating Support Grant Program

Essex County Div. of Cultural Affairs

General Information

All application sections are explained in depth in the grant guidelines found here: [Essex County Cultural Affairs Re-grant Program](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Maressa McFarlane via email at mmcfarlane@parks.essexcountynj.org or phone at 973.735.6231

Project Name*

See Guidelines, page 6

Character Limit: 100

Organization Funding Type*

See Guidelines, page 6.

Choices

Arts

History

Brief Organizational Description*

See Guidelines, page 6.

Character Limit: 500

Request Amount*

See Guidelines, page 6.

Character Limit: 20

Program Area*

See Guidelines, page 7.

Choices

Crafts Organization

Dance Organization

Design Arts Organization

Folklife/Traditional Arts Organization

Interdisciplinary Organization

Literature Organization

Media Arts Organization

Multidisciplinary Organization

Music Organization

Opera/Music Theatre Organization

Photography Organization
Theatre Organization
Visual Arts Organization
Historic Site
Historical Archive
Historical Museum
Historical Society

Geographic Area*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Choices

Belleville
Bloomfield
Caldwell
Cedar Grove
East Orange
Essex Fells
Fairfield
Glen Ridge
Irvington
Livingston
Maplewood
Millburn
Montclair
Newark
North Caldwell
Nutley
Orange
Roseland
South Orange
Verona
West Caldwell
West Orange

NJ Legislative District*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Character Limit: 10

Culture Code*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Choices

Hispanic/Latinx
African-American
Asian/Pacific Islander
Native American/Alaskan Native
White, not Hispanic/Latinx
General (at least half of the board or staff is not one race)

Organization Information

Organization Type*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Choices

Non-profit

Government

Organization's Mission*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Character Limit: 1000

Organization's Goals and Planning*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Character Limit: 10000

Organization's History and Services*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Character Limit: 2500

Organization's Management and Governance*

See Guidelines, page 8.

Character Limit: 2500

Organization's Work Toward Advocacy and Awareness*

See Guidelines, page 9.

Character Limit: 5000

Number of Paid Staff*

Character Limit: 4

Number of Volunteers*

Character Limit: 5

Number of Members*

See Guidelines, page 9.

Character Limit: 10

Facility*

See Guidelines, page 9.

Choices

Own
Rent
Other

Please describe "other"

See Guidelines, page 9.

Character Limit: 250

Historical Organizations and Museums*

See Guidelines, page 9.

Does your organization care for:

Choices

Collection
Library
Archives
N/A

Accreditation or Professional Evaluation*

See Guidelines, page 9.

Character Limit: 1000

Total Number of Hours Open Annually/Total Number of Programs Annually*

Character Limit: 10

Open Hours or Programs Explanation

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 1000

Total Number of Audience Annually*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 10

Audience Description*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 2500

Collaborations*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 5000

Accessibility*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 10000

Evaluation*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 7500

Quality of Services*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 7500

Marketing*

See Guidelines, page 10.

Character Limit: 10000

Governing Documents

Proof of Non-Profit Status*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

ADA Plan*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Emergency Preparedness Plan*

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Key Staff Bios*

See Guidelines, page 11.

Character Limit: 10000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Finances

Are you receiving funding directly from our state partners (NJSCA or NJHC)?***Choices**

Yes

No

Have you applied directly to our state funders for next year?***Choices**

Yes

No

Are you receiving funding from any other county agency other than Essex?***Choices**

Yes

No

Finance Chart and Budget Narrative*

See Guidelines, page 11.

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Documentation of Prices*

See Guidelines, page 11.

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Miscellaneous Attachments

Attachment 1

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Attachment 2

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Attachment 4

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Attachment 5

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Authorization

By typing my name below, I certify that all statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge; and I hereby release the Commissioners of Essex County, its employees, and agents from any liability and/or responsibility concerning any submission of materials to the program. I further certify that any funds received under the Essex County Local Arts or Local History Partnership Program will be used exclusively for the purpose set forth in this application. I understand and agree that submission of an application signifies intention to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352), with Labor Standards under Section 5(1) of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (PL 185-209), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Please type name of authorizing official below.*

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