

Grants & Grant Programs

1 . New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) Local Arts Program (LAP): \$71,464

- Submitted FY2020 LAP Final Report; FY2021 NJSCA final report is due February 11, 2022.
- FY2021 NJSCA LAP Interim Report was held as a conference call with Mary Eileen Fouratt, Liaison Holt, Vice Chair Cronheim; Interim Reports were collected from Regrantees.
- Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival was held in July as a collaboration and series of workshops with Acme Screening Room, Flemington DIY, Hunterdon Art Museum, Hunterdon County Library, and Roxey Ballet.
- Received \$200,000 (\$128,536 increase from FY2021) for FY2022.
- Administered 2021 NJSCA LAP Re-Grants: 9 awards totaling \$55,000
- Administered \$15,450 of NJSCA LAP funds for Local Arts Development programs, including Art Goes to School, Senior Music workshops, Central Jersey Jazz Festival, Music Under the Stars (Hunterdon Symphony), Teen Arts, panelist fees, and workshops.



2 . Hunterdon County Special Projects Grants (SP) for Arts and History

- Administered on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for special projects in history or the arts.
- Awards granted for 3 arts projects and one history project, totaling \$22,500.

3. New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) County History Partnership Program (CHPP) \$30,195:

- Administered 4 CHPP re-grant awards totaling \$25,195 (\$5,000 retained for administrative allowance).
- Submitted 2020 and 2021 NJHC CHPP Final Reports.
- Submitted 2021 NJHC CHPP Interim Report.
- Received \$40,000 for FY2022 (\$9,805 increase from 2021).

4 . Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grants

This program is administered by Planning Division staff person Bill Millette, for the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC). The Commission reviews submitted grant applications to assist POSAC: Review panel members are drawn from among Commission members with experience overseeing or implementing historic preservation projects

Programs

- Ongoing – Cultural & Heritage Commissioners and staff attend events/activities of its grantees to monitor progress and show support of arts/history in Hunterdon County.
- Art Goes to School had limited impact in 2020 due to COVID school closings; however, operations begin to revive in 2021 with in-person and virtual meetings, limited in-school visits, and organizational planning efforts. Outreach to schools continues.
- In April, Andy Wasserman provided five virtual music workshops to ten senior residences and care centers throughout Hunterdon County (NJSCA Local Arts Program funds). Andy Wasserman provided an additional four virtual music workshops in December.
- Essay contest put on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic – to be reassessed.
- Continue to operate and update Creative Assets Database (creativehunterdon.org) and the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission's YouTube channel to post grant workshops. Held FY2022 workshops for Special Project, LAP, and CHPP grants between September 2021 and January 2022.
- The Historical Marker Committee continues to meet regularly for the development and approval of new factual content and updated signage, to review marker applications, and in conjunction with GIS Division efforts to launch HuntHistory.org. Five (5) new and revised historic markers have been ordered, to be provided by Garden State Highway Products.

Strategic Planning

- The Cultural & Heritage Commissioners met on November 29, 2021, to initiate plans for updating language on some of the organizing documents (Strategic Plan and By-Laws).

Staff Professional Development/Training/Conferences

- Quarterly virtual meetings of the Association of New Jersey County Cultural & Heritage Agencies (ANJCCHA). NJSCA and NJHC staff use these meetings to provide updates on grants, programs, and statewide initiatives.
- Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALFHAM) 2021 Annual (virtual) Conference.
- Archaeological Society of New Jersey (ASNJ) Speaker Series, held virtually in October 2021 with four (4) featured presentations.
- ADA Workshop, provided by the Progressive Center for Independent Living (PCIL), was held virtually in July 2021.

Audience Engagement or "Outreach"

Facebook statistics were up January to June 2021 by 20.91%, with "likes" increasing through December 31 and up 4.88% from last year. Although "follows" decreased somewhat between June and December likely due to less activity, they were still up 6.96% from 2020.

Staff sent over 1,000 emails and/or forwarded electronic info to constituents informing them of professional development opportunities, COVID-19 support, diversity resources and webinars, Tropical Storm Ida and disaster recovery information, programs and grant opportunities of interest, calls for artists, suggestions for how/where to publicize their events and programs, grant workshops and resources, and pertinent news or announcements.

Staff responded to emailed requests for information on topics such as Teen Arts, grant opportunities, local genealogical history, local African American history, surveyed historic sites, Hunterdon County history books, and local Native American history.

The Cultural & Heritage (C&H) Commission's electronic and USPS mailing lists are constantly under review. Begun by Planning staff, and continued by C&H Commission staff, we have created (and continue to update) specialized mailing lists for teachers, artists, regrantees, arts and history organizations, and local contacts to increase efficiency and to target key constituencies for mass mailings.

Carrie Fellows is copied on Section 106 review and other communications from the NJ Historic Preservation Office regarding Hunterdon County properties. When possible, she attends hearings on Hunterdon properties that come before the Historic Sites Council, and the NJ State Review Board.

Collaborative Activities

Ms. Fellows meets frequently with local agency directors working in related fields, including HC Economic Development, HC Parks & Recreation, HC Chamber of Commerce, Flemington Community Partnership and the Hunterdon Creative Team to collaborate and exchange ideas on initiatives of mutual interest.

Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area/NJ250/Revolution NJ: Ms. Fellows was appointed to the NJ250 Advisory Council for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026.

Ms. Lembo is on the board of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, meeting with representatives from other agencies and counties to collaborate on history and archaeology advocacy and educational outreach.