MISSION
At the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, we harness the power of the humanities to strengthen our pluralistic society.

VISION
Our vision is a New Jersey that delights in diversity, appreciates that there are no easy answers, and finds joy and understanding in the humanities.

How do we do this? By enabling public programs and humanities experiences that deepen our understanding of ourselves and our world. NJCH is a grantmaker, program provider, partner, convener, and innovator. We work with statewide and community organizations to bring dynamic programming to the local level.

“The Council brings people together to help bridge the gaps that divide us. By engaging with each other and with ideas and issues that matter, we can build stronger and more vibrant communities.”

– Kiki Jamieson, Ph.D. & NJCH Board Chair
Investment in Communities

The NJCH Grant program supports projects that foster connections between neighbors and works to address big questions that affect community members. Nearly $385,000 supported 32 public humanities projects in New Jersey in 2018. Also, NJCH acted as resource, in-person and digitally, for many cultural institutions.

Lifelong Learning

Public programming provides a way for individuals to engage in interactive learning about topics like Identity & Differences, Arts & Culture, Storytelling & Connecting, and Immigrant Experiences.

Grantee Spotlights

Blacked Out, an award-winning documentary created by filmmaker John Hulme and Highland Park High School students, explored issues of race, local history, legacy, and identity through deep community conversations.

NJCH often acts as a convener. The Sankofa Collaborative was born after grantees Williams Trent House, Grounds for Sculpture, Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and New Jersey Historical Society recognized their interrelated interests and created a path for collaboration.

Special Project: Congressional PSP Initiative

All twelve congressional districts were invited to host a Public Scholars Project (PSP) program in their district that matched constituency interest. From Springsteen to literacy, from baseball to the Supreme Court, New Jersey residents participated in conversations about interesting topics.