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NJCH Announces \$211,743 in Grant Awards to NJ Organizations

(Camden, NJ) – The New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) will distribute \$211,743 in funding to 18 organizations in its latest round of grant funding awards. Of these, 8 awards are Incubation Grants, which help organizations plan, research, prototype, experiment or expand existing programs. The 10 remaining awards are Action Grants, which help organizations implement humanities-based programs, which may be new or existing.

Notably, this round marks the first time since launching the Incubation and Action Grants in 2016 that NJCH received more applications and letters of intent for Incubation Grants than for Action Grants. NJCH received 42 total applications, of which 22 were for Incubation Grants, and 20 were for Action Grants.

“Incubation Grants serve the Council’s goal of increasing organizational capacity in the humanities sector by giving institutions the time and resources for program planning and development. We consider them a particular strength of our grants program since funders often do not provide this type of funding opportunity,” said Dr. Carin Berkowitz, NJCH executive director. “There’s real value in providing organizations the opportunity to spend more time thinking and planning programs, and we’re proud to provide that.”

In keeping with a recent trend of increasing interest from new applicants, 11 applications were received from first-time applicants. Of those first-time applicants, 3 were awarded funding.

“We are committed to helping expand, diversify, and build capacity for the humanities throughout the state. One way we do that is to provide close support for new applicants in navigating the grant process,” Berkowitz said. “We’re excited to see and support both new and growing efforts in the humanities at a time when they are as critical to our society as ever.”

View a list of the recipients and information about the awarded projects at <https://njhumanities.org/grants/funded-projects/>.