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## **Nine New Jersey Organizations Join NJCH Community History Program**

*Participating organizations will each receive training and \$5,000 in funding to unearth their communities' untold stories*

(Camden, NJ) – Nine organizations, each from a different New Jersey county, have been accepted into the 2024 cohort of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Community History Program. In the program, the organizations will receive free, expert training on public history practices and develop projects in collaboration with their local communities to learn about and share their untold stories. In addition to the training, each organization will receive \$5,000 in funding from NJCH to develop and launch projects that showcase their work.

The new cohort includes:

- Glen Rock Historical and Preservation Society - Glen Rock, Bergen County
- Bloomingdale Free Public Library - Bloomingdale, Passaic County
- Avon-by-the-Sea Historical Society - Avon-by-the-Sea, Monmouth County
- Atlantic City Free Public Library - Atlantic City, Atlantic County
- South Jersey Artist Collective - Woodbury, Gloucester County
- Lawnside Historical Society - Lawnside, Camden County
- Montclair Public Library - Montclair, Essex County
- Southern Ocean Chamber Association - Ship Bottom, Ocean County
- MUYU - Jersey City, Hudson County

Now in its fourth year, the Community History program has helped 20 New Jersey organizations capture, preserve, and present untold stories of their communities. This year saw a record high number of applications for spots in the program.

“More than ever, people are interested in exploring the history of their own communities, and they have a desire to learn the skills to both do historical research and share what they find,” said Gigi Naglak, NJCH director of programs. “I think people are really, really interested in knowing more about where they came from.”

To learn more about the Community History Program and view profiles of prior participants, visit <https://njhumanities.org/programs/community-history/>.