



Grants Process

Grant Programs are Developed

based on strategic planning with constituents framing purpose, eligibility and matching requirements, evaluation criteria and required materials;



Guidelines are Announced and Distributed

through direct mailing to over 3,000 groups, press releases and postings on the Council's website promoting the opportunity widely;



Technical Assistance

workshops are held at 8-12 locations throughout the state and staff are available for one-on-one assistance;



Notices of Intent to Apply

are submitted to Council staff to determine appropriateness of request;



Applications

are received and reviewed for completeness. All applicants must be current with their Charities Registration and State of NJ Corporate Recording filings;



Independent Peer Panels Evaluate Applications

in each category or art discipline against published criteria to assess excellence in all relevant areas. Panels discuss all applications, record consensus commentary and assign numerical ranks that are averaged;



Grants Committee Recommendations

and deliberations are based on funding principles adopted prior to the process and on complete review of panel comments, ranks, and any funding history;



Annual Meeting

held by the Council meets in public session to vote on recommendations of the Grants Committee; and



Grant Contracts and Reports

are employed to set specifications, monitor progress and collect data on impact of funded programs. Final payments are held pending satisfactory final report and post grant audits are required.