

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ **AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)

**PROPOSED BY:** COUNTY EXECUTIVE **AUTHORITY FOR ACTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(i)

**SUBJECT:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS – APPROVAL OF  
SUBGRANT AGREEMENTS FOR 2023 LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM GRANT WITH THE  
NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION – AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED - \$72,500.00**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Essex acting through the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, proposes to provide a variety of Historical programs and events (the “Services”) for Essex County residents under the County’s Local History Program Grant and proposes to enter into subgrant agreements for the provision of such Services with the subgrantees set forth in the schedule attached hereto to provide the Services for the contract period January 1, 2023 through December 30, 2023 and in the amounts set forth on said schedule which total subgrant amount will not exceed \$45,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds to pay such contracts which certification is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is empowered by N.J.S.A. 40A:41A 38(n) to approve, by resolution, contracts presented by the County Executive, now, therefore; be it.

**RESOLVED**, by the Essex County Board of County Commissioners:

1. That the County Executive is authorized to enter into sub grant agreements for the Services under the 2023 Local History Program Grant in accordance with the schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. That the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall provide two (2) certified copies of the resolution, grant schedule and one copy of the grant agreements to Daniel Salvante, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and one copy of the resolution and grant schedule to the Office of Purchasing.

Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_

  
ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

Date 2/23/23

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Cooper					Mercado				
Gill					Pomares, V.P.				
Graham					Richardson, Pres.				
Johnson					Sebold				
Luciano									

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was ( ) adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on \_\_\_\_\_.

Is Publication Required ( ) Yes ( ) No

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne L. Richardson, President

Local History Program Grant  
2/27/2023



COUNTY OF ESSEX

DECISION MEMORANDUM

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ Parks

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Robert Jackson  
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel K. Salvante, Director

DATE: February 3, 2023

RE: **Request approval of sub-grant agreements in the amount of \$72,500.00 for FY23 Local History Program Grant with the New Jersey Historical Commission.**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$72,500.00 from the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) for its 2023 Local History Grant Program. These funds were previously inserted. It is recommended the County grant awards to twelve community based non-profit organizations to provide history programming under the Local History Program funded through grant monies from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The local grants in the amount of \$67,500.00 will fund grant awards to twelve non-profit organizations, provide Essex County residents accessibility to local history, and foster high quality, diverse educational history programming for local communities. Of the award, \$5,000.00 will cover administration costs, compensating the peer panel for the grant review.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Of the \$72,500.00 awarded by the State, \$67,500.00 will be re-granted to twelve non-profit history organizations. In addition, \$5,000.00 of funding will fund grant administration. There is no match requirement for these portions of the award.

**CONCLUSION**

As administrator of the Local History Program Grant, the Division promotes and rewards exemplary scholarship and influences the development of quality history programs in the County. The Division is granted the opportunity to encourage expanded public and private support for the local history community and to increase public accessibility.

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OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL  
HALL OF RECORDS, ROOM 542  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

Vendor Name As Per Attached Matrix  
Account Name SFY23 County History Partnership Program  
Account # 02-213-23-370-005-001  
Contract Period (If Applicable) 01/01/2023 12/31/2023  
Purpose of Contract To provide a variety of Historical programs and events.

72,500.00 Contract Amount

**Funding**

Temporary Budget Amount  
Current Fund Budget Amount  
Contingent Current Year Amount  
72,500.00 Grant Funding  
Capital Funding  
Trust Funding  
Contingent Subsequent Years

I, do hereby certify that the funding is legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Optional County Charter Law, the Essex County Administrative Code and the Essex County Standard Operating Policies and Procedures.

<sup>KD</sup> Date: 2/28/2023  
Cert: 708

  
Ehab Salama  
Chief Financial Officer

**ESSEX COUNTY**  
**2023 LOCAL HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEES**

Contract Period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Organization	Description of Funded Program or Project
<b>1. ARTS ETC</b> Score: 75% Award: \$1,275 Toni Thomas PO Box 22626 Newark, NJ 07101 Tel: 973-699-3269 Email: toni@artsetcnow.org	<b>Special Project Support</b> We are asking for funds to expand our digital archives through 10-month research effort to identify and contact artists and people who lived and were involved with the Valley Arts District and community of Orange, NJ from 2009 - 2018. The Valley Arts District was a to be a community comprised of local citizens, artists and developers that would revived and bring change to the Valley Section of Orange, NJ. We want to explore and document the stories of people and artists of that community.
<b>2. Bloomfield Public Library</b> Score: 90% Award: \$6,000 Lisa Cohn 90 Broad Street Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Tel: 973-566-6200 Email: lcohn@bplnj.org	<b>Special Project Support</b> Thanks to your generous funding for the last few years, we have digitized a good portion of our historical materials and can continue to do so in house. In 2022, we turned our focus to properly preserving the history that we have. We ordered and began moving items from Princeton Files leftover from Periodicals to proper archival supply boxes.
<b>3. Community Foundation of NJ/Branch Brook Park Alliance</b> Score: 79% Award: \$8,500 Barbara Bell Coleman 115 Clifton Ave Newark, NJ 07104 Tel: 973-969-1189 Email: info@branchbrookpark.org	<b>Special Project Support</b> We developed online tools highlighting the historical features of Essex County Branch Brook Park through an interactive historical map. Funds from this grant will help us further implement in-person walking tours. Tours will include videos of historians and subject-matter experts highlighting the park's rich history and provide a montage of juxtaposing photos from the archives and the current day.
<b>4. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Essex County</b> Score: 72% Award: \$8,403 Jessica Earl 212 Washington St, Room 912 Newark, NJ 07102 Tel: 862-754-4681 jearl@casaessex.org	<b>Special Project Support</b> CASA Essex seeks to explore the holistic experiences of families involved with the child welfare system. CASA Essex will speak with families who are currently involved, those who have previously been involved, and adults who were placed in foster care as a child. By considering these diverse viewpoints, CASA Essex hopes to gain a deeper understanding of what triggers familial involvement with the child welfare system and what the experience means for families in both the short- and long-term.
<b>5. East Orange Public Library</b> Score: 90% Award: \$3,000 Wendy Oldham 21 South Arlington Ave East Orange, NJ 07018 Tel: 973-266-5607 woldham@resourceswork.com	<b>Special Project Support</b> EOPL's Preserving Local History project permanently preserves and provides greater accessibility to historical documents and materials maintained by EOPL that convey the history of East Orange, NJ. This 2023 project will involve digitizing 32 high school yearbooks from East Orange area high schools; East Orange Catholic HS: 11 yearbooks, 1962-1977 and Essex Catholic HS: 21 yearbooks, 1981-2001.



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<b>6. Montclair Free Public Library Foundation</b> Score: 93% Award: \$10,000 Marisa Shaari 50 South Fullerton Ave Montclair, NJ 07042 Tel: 973-744-0500 Email: <a href="mailto:marisa.shaari@montclairlibrary.org">marisa.shaari@montclairlibrary.org</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> The Montclair Public Library will continue the project to digitize our collection of deed abstracts. These deeds trace Montclair property history and ownership from the late 19th century to the mid-20th century. This collection is available to the public for use in our Local History Room by appointment when MPL is open. The deed abstracts were the primary resource used in our "Research Your Home's History" classes and are still one of our most requested resources.
<b>7. Seton Hall University</b> Score: 97% Award: \$10,000 Jeanne Brasile Walsh Gallery at Seton Hall University 400 S. Orange Ave South Orange, NJ 07079 Tel: 973-275-2033 Email: <a href="mailto:Jeanne.brasile@shu.edu">Jeanne.brasile@shu.edu</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> The Walsh Gallery seeks SPS funds to catalog artifacts from Lenapehoking—the homeland of the Lenape people—which were excavated in Essex, Bergen, Sussex and Passaic counties. This project is an unprecedented opportunity to make available cultural materials from heavily populated parts of NJ which are no longer open for archaeological and cultural research due to development. The artifacts include lithics, tools and pottery that will be made available for education, research and exhibition.
<b>8. SPARK Friends of Riverbank Park</b> Score: 83% Award: \$5,000 Nancy Zak 272 Walnut St., Apt 7 Newark, NJ 07105 Tel: 973-517-3297 <a href="mailto:Spark07105@yahoo.com">Spark07105@yahoo.com</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> The Riverbank Park Community Learning Program brings fifth grade public school students into the park to learn history, environmental science, and civics. This unique educational program was created in 2004 by a collaboration of the New Jersey Historical Society, the Greater Newark Conservancy, Ironbound Community Corporation, and SPARK. Since 2004, over 2000 students participated. While Covid cancelled the in person sessions, the park's history continues to be told.
<b>9. The City of Orange</b> Score: 71% Award: \$6,703 Christopher Hartwyk 29 N. Day St. Orange, NJ 07050 Tel: 973-266-4025 Email: <a href="mailto:chartwyk@orangenj.gov">chartwyk@orangenj.gov</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> Orange is seeking \$8,000 to assist our City's Historic Preservation Commission to create and design a comprehensive website to inform the public of the Commission's existence and to highlight the work the Commission does in Orange. The website will advertise our historic preservation services, panel discussions, lectures, exhibitions, and educational presentations. The project aims to educate the community and to engage our current and new residents in our City's rich history.
<b>10. The Historic Restoration Trust of Nutley</b> Score: 87% Award: \$2,128 Leon Kish 3 Kingsland St Nutley, NJ 07110 Tel: 973-773-1565 Email: <a href="mailto:lkish@msn.com">lkish@msn.com</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> Our artifact inventory is maintained manually on index cards. The purpose of this project is to obtain an affordable computer-based collections application to document and store the information into a searchable database. The database will allow us to generate a binder of items stored in each room for self-guided tours. Barcodes, QR codes and digital scans of this information will allow for virtual guided tours if needed in the future.

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<b>11. Township of Belleville</b> Score: 63% Award: \$2,403 Anthony Iacono 152 Washington Ave Belleville, NJ 07109 Tel: 973-450-3322 Email: <a href="mailto:aiacono@bellevillenj.org">aiacono@bellevillenj.org</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> The Belleville Historic Commission requests funding from the Essex County Local History Grant Program to support the creation and installation of an informational interpretive sign outside of Belleville Middle School. The sign would detail the rich history of both the Middle School and the nearby high school, which have both changed significantly over the past century.
<b>12. Township of Bloomfield</b> Score: 69% Award: \$4,087 Kim Duva 1 Municipal Plaza Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Tel: 973-680-4007 Email: <a href="mailto:kduva@bloomfieldtwpnj.com">kduva@bloomfieldtwpnj.com</a>	<b>Special Project Support</b> The Township of Bloomfield is requesting \$8,361.56 for the "Bloomfield Juneteenth Celebration of History Project." With this funding, the Township will host its third annual Juneteenth event, celebrating local African American history and culture in recognition of the monumental Juneteenth holiday. The event will spotlight local African American artisans, community leaders, and business owners, immersing attendees in visual displays and educational presentations.