Within New Jersey Department of State are the following divisions and agencies:

Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development (CHPRD): Focused on empowering Hispanic community-based organizations through grant funding, youth programs, technical assistance, and research initiatives.

Division of Administration: Oversees budget operations, grant administration, fiscal management, procurement, information technology, and human resources.

Governor’s Office of Volunteerism: Includes the Commission on National and Community Service (overseeing national service programs like AmeriCorps), Foster Grandparent Program, New Jersey Commission on American Indian Affairs, New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission, and the New Jersey Hellenic American Heritage Commission.

New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC): Provides technical assistance, resources, and advocacy for businesses of all sizes, aiming to be the go-to agency for business in New Jersey.

New Jersey Cultural Trust: A public/private partnership ensuring a stable cultural industry through endowments and grants for arts, history, and humanities organizations.

New Jersey Division of Elections: Committed to ensuring free and fair elections across the state.

New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism (NJTT): Promotes tourism through marketing programs, grants, economic research, and stakeholder collaboration.

New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC): Dedicated to advancing public knowledge and preserving New Jersey’s history through grants and initiatives.

New Jersey India Commission: The commission is charged with advancing bilateral trade and investment and encouraging economic development in both New Jersey and India.

New Jersey Israel Commission: Fosters economic, scientific, educational, and cultural ties with Israel.

New Jersey Puerto Rico Commission: Fosters bilateral trade and investment, facilitates joint policy initiatives, promotes academic and business exchanges to assist with stabilizing Puerto Rico’s economy, and encourage infrastructure investments by New Jersey companies.

New Jersey State Archives (NJSA): Manages and preserves public records of historical value.

New Jersey State Council on the Arts: The largest funder of the arts in New Jersey, the Council encourages public interest in the arts and supports arts-related initiatives.

New Jersey State Museum: A center for the exploration of science, history, and the arts.

Office of Faith Based Initiatives: Supports faith and community-based organizations through grants, capacity building, and innovative solutions addressing social issues.

Services and Resources We Provide:

Across the Department of State:
- Paid Internship and Fellowship Opportunities.
- Grant opportunities, technical assistance, and strategic support for applicants

NJBAC:
- Export Assistance via the State Trade Expansion Program Grant
- Municipal support for environmental and land-use planning via the Office of Planning
- NJ Business Live Chat Service, addressing inquiries on business certification, startup resources, and more.

New Jersey State Museum
- Free admission: Planetarium shows available at a cost.
- Gallery tours, hands-on activities, lectures, and field trip options.

State Arts Council
- Direct funding to individual artists through various grants and public art opportunities.
- Supports programs in response to feedback, including artist services, arts education, diversity, and inclusion.

VisitNJ Travel Guide and Itineraries
- Free annual travel guide from NJ Division of Travel and Tourism available in hard copy or digital
- Brochures and itineraries promoting NJ destinations by category.

Division of Elections:
- Voter Information Portal at vote.nj.gov
Welcome to the comprehensive information guide provided by the New Jersey Department of State, dedicated to better serving your needs. This guide reflects our unwavering commitment to fostering democracy, promoting economic vitality, preserving history, nurturing the arts, and advocating for our diverse communities.

In my role as the Secretary of State, I take immense pride in overseeing New Jersey’s electoral processes, with a focus on enhancing voter access and improving the overall voting experience. Collaborative efforts across local, state, and federal levels are integral to building a robust electoral system.

Our Division of Elections maintains free and fair elections as the foundation for the work of democracy. Across the Department of State, we are proud of the ways we build upon that foundation to ensure that New Jersey is a place that is welcoming and inclusive to all. Our Division of Travel and Tourism works to engage residents and visitors alike by sharing the rich, diverse, memorable experiences people can have within New Jersey, playing an important role in a sector that contributes billions annually to our state’s economy.

Support for arts, culture, and history is evident through various grant programs. The State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission actively champion the arts and cultural diversity, playing a pivotal role in establishing initiatives such as the Black Heritage Trail.

At the core of the Department of State lies our unwavering commitment to inclusivity. We champion diverse initiatives and organizations, striving to ensure that every New Jersey resident can thrive.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Let’s collaborate toward a future where New Jersey prospers inclusively.

Warm regards,

Tahesha Way
Lt. Governor