

**New Jersey Cultural Trust FY26 Institutional & Financial Stabilization Grants**  
**Recommended by the New Jersey Historical Commission**

Organization	County	Award Amount	Project Category	Project Description
Historical Society of Hammonton	Atlantic	\$25,000	Strategic planning/assessment	This Cultural Trust History grant will help support the volunteer-led Historical Society of Hammonton in developing a Strategic Plan to improve sustainability, volunteer engagement, and operations at its museum and archive facility in Hammonton, NJ.
Friends of the Hermitage, Inc.	Bergen	\$5,400	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust Grant will allow The Hermitage to increase its donor base, steward donors and save the staff time. By changing our fundraising software to an all-in-on platform, it will allow us to raise more awareness and more dollars for the Museum thereby making it more financially stable.
Jewish Historical Society of North Jersey	Bergen	\$25,000	Working capital/cash reserve	The NJ Cultural Trust funding for a cash reserve will significantly bolster the Jewish Historical Society of North Jersey's financial stability, enabling it to better preserve and share the rich Jewish heritage of Bergen, Passaic, and Hudson counties for present and future generations.
Bordentown Historical Society	Burlington	\$40,000	New staff position	The Cultural Trust IFS grant will fund a new Development and Operations Coordinator at Bordentown Historical Society serving Bordentown and NJ in 2026. To improve strategic sustainability and grow BHS's capacity to preserve, teach, and inspire curiosity about our rich history and culture.
Roebeling Museum	Burlington	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust Grant will help Roebeling Museum launch a Working Capital Fund to cover upfront costs for building restoration and urgent maintenance projects. As a small museum, this will help stabilize our budget and help us grow as an organization.
Whitesbog Preservation Trust	Burlington	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	Whitesbog Preservation Trust will use the funds to establish a working capital fund and increase our cash reserve fund.
Historical Society of Haddonfield	Camden	\$8,819	Staff/board development	This Cultural Trust grant will fund training for our board, staff, and volunteers on proper handling of artifacts and documents, emergency preparedness and salvage operations, and best use of our collections software, in four sessions run by the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts.

New Jersey Council for the Humanities	Camden	\$40,000	Strategic planning/assessment	This Cultural Trust grant will support the work of a Development Consultant to guide NJCH in building a revenue model and resources for a collaborative connecting cultural nonprofits and higher education institutions through public humanities opportunities for communities, students, and scholars.
Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society	Cape May	\$5,217	Staff/board development	This Cultural Trust IFS History/Humanities grant will help support the professional development of Museum of Cape May County staff through a series of archival preservation workshops offered by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.
Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum	Cape May	\$32,900	Capital equipment purchase	This Cultural Trust grant will enable NASW Aviation Museum to purchase an electric scissor lift, allowing staff and contractors to safely access the high, hard-to-reach areas of Hangar #1. The hangar's size and scale make a scissor lift an essential tool for safe and efficient maintenance and use.
Bayshore Center at Bivalve	Cumberland	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust history grant will help the Bayshore Center at Bivalve to create a cash reserve that greatly assist BCB in meeting its annual expected April cash flow challenges before the start of the sailing season and help fill the gap while waiting on NJ Historic Trust reimbursements.
Millville Army Air Field Museum	Cumberland	\$26,794	New staff position	This Cultural Trust grant will help support Millville Army Air Field Museum's long-term stability through the hiring of a part-time DonorPerfect Systems Manager. The role will increase strategic donor engagement essential to long-term fundraising and financial stability goals.
Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society	Cumberland	\$9,186	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will provide funding for tailored technology upgrades to the Vineland Historical Society's collection digitization project, which will significantly enhance efficiency in advancing efforts to engage expanded audiences.
Greenwood Gardens	Essex	\$9,682	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will help support the technology infrastructure of Greenwood Gardens, a historic public garden in Short Hills, New Jersey. In 2026, upgraded computer and telephone equipment will enable Greenwood to efficiently serve the community and maintain the garden.
Montclair Historical Society d/b/a Montclair History Center	Essex	\$37,975	New staff position	Montclair History Center seeks funding to support a new part-time staff position, a Development Manager. The role of this position will be to directly support the Executive Director and Board of Trustees in development and fundraising goals within the strategic plan.

The New Jersey Historical Society	Essex	\$40,000	New staff position	This Cultural Trust grant will support the development of a newly created position: a full-time Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Revolution 250 programs at the New Jersey Historical Society. This role will expand inclusive and public engagement for thousands of visitors.
Liberty Science Center	Hudson	\$40,000	Capital equipment purchase	This Cultural Trust grant will help support safety and security efforts at Liberty Science Center (LSC) by funding new, updated security screening machines for its main entrance. LSC aims to enhance public safety and reduce vulnerability to threats of mass violence.
Save Ellis Island	Hudson	\$40,000	Strategic planning/assessment	The New Jersey Cultural Trust grant will be used to create a Marketing & Fundraising Plan designed to clarify our goals, provide a roadmap, identify audiences, build awareness, improve efficiency, and support growth so SEI can better communicate our story, enhance attendance, and engage supporters.
Historic Morven, Inc.	Mercer	\$19,199	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will support the upgrade of the audio-visual presentation system in Morven's Stockton Education Center, which will enable us to more efficiently provide reliable, quality programs, events, and meeting experiences for our program participants, private clients, and staff.
Historical Society of Hamilton Township	Mercer	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust IFS grant will help the Historical Society of Hamilton Township, Mercer County, NJ, help expand its capacity to preserve and restore history starting in 2026. This grows their efforts to educate and delight visitors and residents in Hamilton, NJ, with our outstanding history.
New Jersey State Museum Foundation	Mercer	\$14,450	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will help support NJSMF to upgrade its website, online store, and digital tools to improve efficiency, increase public engagement, and enhance support for history, art, and humanities programming in the state of New Jersey.
Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum	Mercer	\$40,000	New staff position	This Cultural Trust grant will help support a new full-time staff position in 2026. Hiring a Bookkeeper/Administrative Manager will ensure accurate record keeping, reduce operational strain, and build the administrative capacity we need to grow responsibly at this critical juncture.

Trent House Association	Mercer	\$22,500	Strategic planning/assessment	The Cultural Trust grant will support the Trent House Association's work with a consultant in developing a fundraising plan for long-term financials stability and a concrete roadmap for growing revenue to enable the organization to hire a professional executive director within five years.
Washington Crossing Park Association	Mercer	\$10,000	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will help support technology upgrades at Washington Crossing State Park. It will provide a sound system that will serve its staff and volunteers for anything from small tour groups, to outdoor classrooms, to off-site programs, to events for thousands of people.
Allaire Village	Monmouth	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust grant will help support a working capital fund/cash reserve for Allaire Village. The fund is needed because Allaire Village is “cash poor” in January, February, March, July and August. We must frontload expenses, then retail sales support our mission the rest of the year.
Atlantic Highlands Historical Society	Monmouth	\$9,601	Technology upgrade	The New Jersey Cultural Trust grant will fund essential internet upgrades at the Atlantic Highlands Historical Society–Strauss Museum, 27 Prospect Circle, Atlantic Highlands, NJ. These improvements will boost operational efficiency and enhance the visitor experience through better technology.
Friends of Millstone Twp Historic Registered Properties	Monmouth	\$30,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust grant will create a Cash Reserve/Working Capital Fund for the FMTHRP, ensuring the continuity of operations in the case of 1) expended grant funds that will be reimbursed at the end of the grant, and 2) emergencies that place unexpected strains on the organization's finances.
Monmouth Museum & Cultural Center	Monmouth	\$17,895	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will support the purchase of technology upgrades for the Monmouth Museum, bringing a new public service announcement system in the two Children’s Wings and Main Galleries, enhancing emergency alerts, ADA accessibility, and bilingual tours for families and visitors.
Kemmerer Library Harding Township	Morris	\$22,386	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will help support technology upgrades at Kemmerer Library, where outdated computers and infrastructure limit service. New systems will boost operations, expand access to arts and education and ensure the library remains a vital resource for Harding and nearby towns.

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum	Morris	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust grant will help support the establishment of a Working Capital Fund for Macculloch Hall Historical Museum (hereafter referred to as MHHM). A Working Capital Fund will help MHHM to alleviate cash flow issues in the summer months when cash inflow is at its lowest.
MadisonNJ Historical Society	Morris	\$40,000	New staff position	A Cultural Trust grant will fund a New Staff person. Following 10 years of planning, MHS is ready to open a Museum. Funds exist for the creation of the Museum and exhibits. MHS contributions, interest and fundraising contributions will fund the museum's staff expenses after 12/31/2026.
Barnegat Bay Decoy & Baymen's Museum d/b/a Tuckerton Seaport	Ocean	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust grant will help Tuckerton Seaport grow a Working Capital Reserve Fund as a logical next step for the organization as it seeks to expand grant funding. This expansion will necessitate bridging the cash flow gap each year between reimbursables and the final grant payments.
Sparta Historical Society	Sussex	\$10,000	Working capital/cash reserve	This Cultural Trust grant will help support the creation of a Capital Asset Replacement & Acquisition Reserve for Sparta Historical Society which will ensure continuity of its operations in the case of repair, replacement or acquisition of buildings, fixtures and equipment.
Historical Society of Plainfield	Union	\$40,000	Working capital/cash reserve	A Cultural Trust grant would create a Historical Society Working Capital Fund, which would provide an internal line of credit to cover the gap between contractor payments and grant reimbursements. Once reimbursements are received, funds will be replenished, ensuring ongoing financial stability.
Kenilworth Historical Society	Union	\$15,000	Technology upgrade	The Kenilworth Historical Society is applying for funding to commission professional assistance in creating a new website that will be a central hub in communicating the organization's mission, objectives, and programs in ways that engage and prompt participation by a large diverse audience.
Liberty Hall Museum	Union	\$39,960	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust grant will help support the installation of a Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) system within Liberty Hall's existing website, with the aim of unifying our constituent data and streamlining operations for fundraising, membership management, and event coordination.

Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association	Union	\$5,000	Technology upgrade	This Cultural Trust Grant will help support an administrative technology upgrade (including computers, monitors, tablet, printer/copier/scanner, router, software) for the Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum, to improve administrative efficiency, security, reliability, and customer service.
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