

**County Executive Dennis McNerney**  
Presents the

**2010 BERGEN COUNTY  
HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM**  
for  
**General Operating Support  
& Special Projects**



Bergen County Department of Parks  
**Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs**

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***STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:***

The *2010 Bergen County History Grant Program* was created by Bergen County's Department of Parks, Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs to nurture and support Bergen County history programs, projects and organizations; assist and encourage the preservation of historic Bergen County; directly serve the local community by increasing the body of knowledge of Bergen County history and making this historic record available to a broad audience.

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**This 2010 Bergen County History Grant Program is made possible in part by a *General Operating Support Grant* from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, and the Bergen County Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.**

### GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT

**Purpose:** To assist established historical organizations with operating funds. The expense area for which you are requesting funding is your *Focus Area*. The Focus Area is declared in the application to let us know what your important initiatives & needs are, or which area you are developing.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Purpose:** To assist funding requests for specific history projects that contribute to the Bergen County historical record; promote local history and make it available to a wider audience; and assist and encourage the preservation of historic Bergen County.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

All funded programs *must* be held in ADA compliant sites. GOS applicants must submit ADA plans for their organizations. For information contact the Cultural Access Network of NJ: <http://culturalaccessnetwork.org>

### CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The DCHA actively seeks the participation of *all* persons and communities in its programs and services. Organizations that serve *African American, American Indian, Asian and Pacific Islander, or Hispanic or Latino* communities are urged to apply. All applicants are encouraged to provide marketing and outreach to diverse communities and to produce programs that respond to the needs of ethnic and culturally diverse audiences.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

**Applicants** for a 2010 Bergen County History Grant must be a non-profit organization based in Bergen County. No individuals may apply. For GOS funding it must have been in existence for at least four years; SP funding, at least two years. GOS applicants must have an operating budget of at least \$4000. Applicants include but are not limited to: *Museums, Local Historic Societies, Historic Preservation Commissions, Schools, Libraries, Religious Institutions*. **Local Municipalities and Municipal Libraries cannot apply for GOS Grants; only organizations whose sole mission is dedicated to history may apply. Organizations receiving a NJ Historical Commission GOS Grant for the same fiscal year may not apply for a Bergen County GOS Grant.** If you have questions about an applicant's eligibility, please contact the Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

### INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Those who would not qualify as a grant applicant include individuals, agencies of the Federal or State Government and local businesses.

### ELIGIBLE GOS EXPENSES

Expenses include but are not limited to: *Salaries, contracted services, marketing & fund-raising fees, utilities, staff training, maintenance of collections; long-term planning.*

**ELIGIBLE SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Eligible Projects include, but are not limited to: *Museum exhibitions; Publication production (brochures, pamphlets, walking tours); Conservation of collections, archives & historic cemeteries; Preparation of National Register nominations for Bergen County historic properties; Oral history projects; Production of history films or videos.*

**INELIGIBLE GOS AND SP FUNDING**

Ineligible Projects include, but are not limited to: *Projects or that do not deal with Bergen County history; Restoration or maintenance; Projects not accessible to the general public; Signs for historic properties, districts & history museums; Purchase of collections; Construction or other capital improvement costs; Hospitality; Endowment; Expenses incurred before the grant award date.*

**GRANT PERIOD**

The fiscal year for the grant awards is **July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**. All expenses must be expended within this time.

**DEADLINES**

**Declaration of Intent to Apply: Oct. 16, 2009**

**Grant Applications: Nov. 16, 2009**

To apply for a History Grant you are required to first submit a Declaration of Intent form. This form and complete applications must be in the Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs office, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601, 4:30 pm on deadline dates. Declarations of Intent may be faxed: 201-336-7274.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

All grant applications will be reviewed by independent members of the Bergen County history community. Funding is extremely limited and highly competitive.

**GRANT AMOUNTS:**

**GOS: Up to \$4000**

**SP: Up to \$2,000.**

All grants must be matched on a 1:1 basis by the recipient. In-kind match may be applied only to SP and may not exceed 50% of the match.

**GRANT WORKSHOP**

**There will be a Grant Workshop *only for first-time* applicants at 7 pm, Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the County Administration Building, One Bergen County Plaza, Rm. 4B, Hackensack, NJ. Assistive listening devices must be requested by Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Call 201-336-7276/7274.**

To request a grant application form, please contact:

**Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs**  
**One Bergen County Plaza - 4th Floor; Hackensack, NJ 07601**  
**201-336-7267; Fax: 201-336-7262; [jstrom@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:jstrom@co.bergen.nj.us)**

Or download a copy of the application at [www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks)

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**The Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs is the county's official history and arts agency. Its overriding vision is to grow recognition for Bergen County as a major NJ cultural destination by strengthening the influence of its exceptional arts, history and preservation community, celebrating its diversity, and providing opportunities and support for its individuals and organizations.**

**Recognizing that persons with disabilities are eager to participate in cultural activities, the Division works to accommodate their needs and remove barriers to participation by seeking appropriate and reasonable ways to assure that its programs are accessible, as well as those offered by its Regrantee Organizations.**

**It disseminates information on heritage and cultural events to the residents of Bergen County through its free *HERITAGE NEWSLETTER* and the *BERGEN ARTS CONNECTION*, and the Department of Parks website: [www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks).**