

2024 Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Local Arts Program Re-grantees

Adult Day Center of Somerset County, Bridgewater Award: \$6,000

Special project funds will support a year long project that engages seniors living with disabilities through a series of art making projects. A public exhibition will be held with artwork created through this program. Find out more at: <https://aduldaycenter.org/>

American Theatre Group, Bernards Award: \$31,000

General operating support funds will support two mainstage productions, the New Works/ New Voices educational outreach program and professional Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) consultants and training. Find out more at: <https://www.americantheatergroup.org/>

Bernards Township Parks & Recreation, Bernards Award: \$6,000

Special projects funding will aid with production costs for the annual Plays in the Park series. Six musical and five classical performances will be held in an outdoor amphitheater, free of charge. Find out more at: <https://bernards.org/departments/recreation>

Bound Brook Cultural Arts Committee, Bound Brook Award: \$3,500

Special project funding will help support the visual and performing arts elements of Riverfest 2024, an annual event featuring high quality artistic performances that is free and open to the public. Find out more at: <https://boundbrook-nj.org/art/>

Friends of the Abraham Staats House, South Bound Brook Award: \$1,200

Special project funding will be used to facilitate a concert of 17th and 18th century music of Colonial America titled “The Practitioners of Musick,” featuring a master harpsichordist. Find out more at: <https://www.staatshouse.org/>

Friends of the Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead, Bernards Award: \$21,000

General operating support funding will assist with maintenance and utility costs for the art center as well as with compensating staff. Find out more at: <https://farmsteadartscenter.org/>

Light Opera of New Jersey, Inc., Bernards Award: \$25,000

General operating support funding will cover artists’ expenses and marketing costs for the organization’s production of *The Barber of Seville*. Find out more at: <https://lightoperaofnewjersey.org/>

Music in the Somerset Hills, Bernardsville Award: \$36,000

General operating support funding will compensate operational staff and artists as well as covering production and marketing costs for the 2024 season. Find out more at: <https://www.musicsh.org>

Raag Rang, Bridgewater Award: \$6,000

General operating support funding will support the organization’s 2024 programming, including their annual concert and Kal-Ke-Kalakar (Artists of the Future). Find out more at: <https://www.vibrnz.com/org/raag-rang>

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Raritan Valley Choral Society, Hillsborough **Award: \$3,000**
General operating support funds will be used to support staff while also covering insurance and marketing costs. Find out more at: <https://www.raritanvalleychorus.org/>

**Raritan Valley Community College
Arts & Design Department, Branchburg** **Award: \$5,000**
Special project funding will be used to compensate distinguished musicians performing as part of the Raritan Valley Community College Mozaika concert series.
Find out more at: <https://www.raritanval.edu/arts>

Raritan Valley Symphonic Band, Hillsborough **Award: \$6,000**
General operating support funds will support concerts and a “master class,” which are free and open to the public. Funding will also assist with the expansion of marketing efforts.
Find out more at: <http://www.rvsb.org/>

Somerset Symphony Orchestra, Hillsborough **Award: \$8,000**
General operating support funding will be used for hiring professional artists, printing and space rental fees for three in-person concerts, one virtual concert and outreach programs.
Find out more at: <https://www.somersetsymphony.org/>

Somerset Valley Players, Hillsborough **Award: \$11,000**
General operating support funding will be used to cover costs associated with 2024 productions, as well web development and social media rebranding to increase market reach.
Find out more at: <http://svptheatre.org/>

Ukrainian History & Education Center, Somerset **Award: \$21,000**
General operating support funding will support staff capacity while providing arts programming which covers Ukrainian fine and folk art, as well as hands-on workshops where attendees learn traditional art forms and youth arts programming. Find out more at: <https://www.ukrhec.org/>

Total Funds Awarded: \$189,700