

## 2026 Regrant Eligibility Requirements

### Eligible Applicants

General Operating Support (GOS): Non-profit organizations in existence at least two (2) and based in Monmouth County, with an annual budget no less than \$4,000 and whose mission is exclusively dedicated to New Jersey history.

Organizations that receive operating grants from the county may apply to the state for a project grant.

Special Project (SP): Non-profit Monmouth County organizations in existence at least two (2) years and whose mission is not necessarily dedicated to history, which may include local government agencies (e.g. historic preservation commissions), schools, and libraries.

### Ineligible Applicants

#### General Operating Support

- Local, state, or federal government agencies, local businesses, individuals, and libraries.
- Organizations that do not practice policies of equal access and non-discrimination.
- Organizations currently receiving New Jersey Historical Commission GOS grant funding.

#### Special Project

- Federal or state government agencies, local businesses, or individuals.
- Organizations that do not practice policies of equal access and non-discrimination.
- Organizations currently receiving New Jersey Historical Commission Project Grant funding may not apply for funding from the county in the same fiscal year. If an organization has an FY 2026 NJHC project grant, it may not apply for funds from the county's 2026 round. They would have to apply to the county's 2027 round.

### Eligible Expenses and Projects

#### GOS Examples

- staff salaries
- insurance
- maintenance of collections
- fundraising and development
- marketing/website
- utilities
- long-term planning or planning for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness plans

#### SP Examples

- conservation of collections/archives/historic cemeteries
- archives scanning
- educational initiatives
- exhibits
- graphic design
- media or digital projects

- signage (projects about underrepresented groups must have a representative from that community review the sign's language)
- National Register nomination expenses
- local oral history and genealogy projects
- programs and projects created for special needs audiences
- photographic documentation
- publications and publication translations
- research tools
- speakers
- website development
- ADA assistive services for historical programs

*Non-history organizations submitting Special Project applications are required to include a historian in the project's planning or implementation.*

### **Ineligible Expenses and Projects**

#### GOS Examples

- building restoration or maintenance
- construction or other capital improvement costs
- deficits
- endowments
- scholarships or prizes
- tuition
- hospitality
- purchase of collections
- retroactive expenses

#### SP Examples

- projects that do not deal with Monmouth County history
- hospitality
- purchase or lease of equipment
- class, seminar, or conference fees
- projects not accessible to the general public
- retroactive expenses