



ArtPride New Jersey COVID-19 Related Policy Recommendations

1. (State) Support formation of New Jersey Arts Relief Fund and inclusion of nonprofit arts in New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund
2. (State) Support New Jersey state appropriations at “aspirational” levels of A3101 (\$31.9m for cultural projects)
3. (Federal) Support increased relief funds for National Endowment for the Arts in future economic recovery and stimulus packages (currently at \$75m from CARES Act)
4. Support the equitable distribution of economic recovery or stimulus funds for arts, cultural and humanities across the spectrum of organizational budget size and communities served
5. (Federal) Support increase of universal charitable deduction (currently at \$300 from CARES Act), similarly, (State) support NJ charitable deduction ([S264/A496](#))
6. (State) Support reduction/elimination of NJ state payroll tax
7. (Federal) Support continued inclusion of nonprofits and independent artists and sole proprietors in SBA loan criteria and (State) in EDA loan criteria
8. (State and Federal) Support pandemic unemployment benefits for workers ineligible for state unemployment benefits, to provide essential support for self-employed workers in the arts and culture sector.
9. (State and Federal) Support the continued conversion of government contracts and private foundation grants to general operating grants to mitigate earned revenue losses.
10. (State) Support [A3844](#) that would instruct business insurance policies to consider emergency COVID public gathering restrictions as a covered business insurance claim.
11. (State) Support significant inclusion, and feature of, of arts and culture in any additional tourism and business promotional efforts launched during recovery