Begun in 2001, the purpose of Newark Arts Council’s ArtStart program is to nurture arts and cultural activities throughout the city; most especially those activities that engage youth and activities that take place in our local neighborhoods.

Since its inception, the Newark Arts Council has made over 150 grant awards through the ArtStart Grants Program ranging from $500 – $3,000 and totaling over $400,000.

The projects stimulate arts and cultural activity in the city’s neighborhoods, local schools, and provide direct funding to individual artists. These innovative programs take the arts into locations that are often overlooked by traditional programs.

If you are a local artist with a special project, an arts organization collaborator, an organization servicing youth in Newark, or a school which wants to provide Arts Education to students, become a part of Newark’s revitalization by applying here starting March 2, 2016 through April 29, 2016.

About Newark Arts Council: The Newark Arts Council was created to advance and expand the artistic and cultural resources of the City of Newark, New Jersey. NAC’s mission is to bring the transformative power of the arts into the lives of those who live in, work in, and visit Newark through programs, advocacy, promotion, education, and coordination. For additional information please go to: www.NewarkArts.org or www.NewarkArts.org/ArtStart.