

may not be sold or be held for personal possession or intents other than consumption. Turtles may not be taken with a gun or bow and arrow. The use of set lines is prohibited.

(b) The daily limit for American Snapping Turtles shall be one with a minimum carapace length of 13 inches (as measured along the curve of the carapace) and the daily limit for both North American Bullfrogs and North American Green Frogs shall be 15 in total.

(c) A person shall not take, attempt to take, kill, or have in possession American Snapping Turtles from November 1 to July 14. A person shall not take, attempt to take, kill, or have in possession North American Bullfrogs and North American Green Frogs from April 1 to June 30. Turtle eggs may not be taken at any time. Turtles may not be taken from land at any time.

(d) American Snapping Turtles, North American Bullfrogs, and North American Green Frogs may be taken in numbers greater than the daily limit pursuant to a special permit issued by the Division, for the purposes of sale or for the purpose of consumption, at its discretion. Permits for American Snapping Turtles will only be issued to permittees who have received a permit(s) from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025, and have submitted a harvest report(s) prior to January 1, 2026, indicating the harvest of at least one turtle during that time period. Permits for American Snapping Turtles will allow for a maximum *[daily take of 10 turtles and a maximum]* annual take of 250 turtles. In addition to any other Federal, State, or local requirements that may be applicable to any sale authorized pursuant to this section, any sale must comply with Department of Health rule N.J.A.C. 8:23-2.1.

1. A special permit application may be obtained from the Division at: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/freshwater-fisheries-permits/>.

2. The permittee shall agree to:

i. Submit annual harvest reports, including the date, waterbody, species, number, and approximate total weights of American Snapping Turtles, North American Bullfrogs, or North American Green Frogs harvested, and the name, address, email, and telephone number of purchaser(s), by December 31 of the current permit year. The annual harvest reports shall additionally include the date, waterbody, and number and approximate total weight of sub-legal and legal sized American Snapping Turtles released;

ii.-v. (No change.)

vi. Use only those traps that provide a means of escape, or survival, of species of turtles other than American Snapping Turtles;

vii.-x. (No change.)

xi. Only harvest American Snapping Turtles with a minimum carapace length of 13 inches as measured along the curve of the carapace;

xii. Submit a written explanation for the failure to trap or harvest American Snapping Turtles within an approved permit timeframe; and

xiii. Report sightings of any State endangered or threatened species of turtle by completing a New Jersey Wildlife Tracker form available online at <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/reporting-rare-wildlife-sightings/>.

(e) Those species of frogs and turtles listed on the State List of endangered species at N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.13 or the List of regulated nongame species at N.J.A.C. 7:25-4.17 may not be pursued, taken, killed, or possessed, except where allowed by special permit issued by the Division.

(a)

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION OFFICE
Notice of Readoption
Rules Relating to Practice and Procedure Before the
New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation
Office

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:75

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:4B-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 52:4B-9.

Authorized By: Mary Ellen Bonsper, Director, Victims of Crime Compensation Office.

Effective Date: January 14, 2026.

New Expiration Date: January 14, 2033.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 13:75 were scheduled to expire on March 26, 2026. These rules establish the standards for the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:4B-1 et seq. The rules prescribe the procedure for filing applications, awarding payment of compensation, and such other matters necessary and appropriate to fulfill the statute's purpose to provide limited reimbursement for expenses actually and reasonably incurred as a result of personal injury or death due to any of the violent crimes enumerated in the statute.

The Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance and the Victims of Crime Compensation Office have reviewed the rules and determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:4B-1, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted without amendments and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

STATE

(b)

NEW JERSEY CULTURAL TRUST

New Jersey Cultural Trust Rules

Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 15:27-1.2

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 15:27-2.6

Proposed: September 2, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 1952(a).

Adopted: January 9, 2026, by Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, Secretary of State.

Filed: January 12, 2026, as R.2026 d.040, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:16A-72 et seq., specifically, 52:16A-77.a and 52:16A-76.h.

Effective Date: February 17, 2026.

Expiration Date: March 4, 2031.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

Comments were received from Jean Public and Susan Bredehoff, The Shrewsbury Chorale. Quoted, summarized, and/or paraphrased below are the comments and the Department of State's (Department) responses.

1. COMMENT: Jean Public is not in favor of any funding for the New Jersey Cultural Trust. The commenter offers a general criticism on the performance and policies of the government of the State of New Jersey. The commenter also then requests that the New Jersey Cultural Trust be immediately shut down. The commenter further believes that the State of New Jersey's nonprofit regulations are insufficiently rigorous. (1)

RESPONSE: This comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking.

2. COMMENT: Susan Bredehoff states that The Shrewsbury Chorale supports the New Jersey Cultural Trust's (Trust) creation of an Executive Committee. The commenter believes that the procedures outlined in the proposed new rule are "specific and responsible." The commenter also supports the proposed amendment to the Trust's financial documentation requirements for the qualification process and states that the efforts to resolve discrepancies between the documentation required by the Charities Registration and the New Jersey Cultural Trust to reduce potentially costly and burdensome reporting requirements are greatly appreciated. (2)

RESPONSE: The Cultural Trust thanks The Shrewsbury Chorale for its supportive comments.

Federal Standards Statement:

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted new rule and amendment are not subject to any Federal standards or requirements.

Full text of the adoption follows:

SUBCHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATIONAL RULE

15:27-1.2 Establishing an executive committee of the Board

(a) The Board hereby establishes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:16A-76.h, an executive committee of the Board.

1. The executive committee shall comprise at least three Board members. The Board shall elect the executive committee at an open public meeting by majority vote, in accordance with the Board's bylaws.

2. The Board shall appoint an executive committee chairperson, as well as all other executive committee positions it deems necessary to carry out the committee's powers and duties. The Board shall make these appointments at an open public meeting by majority vote, in accordance with the Board's bylaws.

3. The Board may vest the executive committee with any of the Board's statutory powers, including those listed at N.J.S.A. 52:16A-77, and may assign the executive committee any of the Board's statutory duties. To do so, the Board must adopt a resolution stating the specific power to be vested, or specific duty to be assigned.

4. A true copy of the minutes of every meeting of the executive committee shall be delivered promptly, after the certification of the chair thereof, to the Governor. No action taken at a meeting by the executive committee shall have effect until approved by the Governor or until 10 days after the copy of the minutes shall have been delivered. If, within the 10-day period, the Governor returns the copy of the minutes with a veto of any action taken by the executive committee or any member thereof at a meeting, such action shall be null and void and of no effect. The

Governor may approve all or part of the action taken at a meeting prior to the expiration of the 10-day period.

SUBCHAPTER 2. NEW JERSEY CULTURAL TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM

15:27-2.6 Requirements for designation as a "qualified organization"

(a) In applying for designation as a qualified organization, the following are required:

1.-5. (No change.)

6. An organization with annual total gross income under \$1,000,000 and no endowment or no endowment holding in excess of \$100,000 must submit copies of their past two annual budgets as approved by the organization's board of directors and their tax returns for the past two fiscal years, if they are required to file such returns, or the same financial documentation as is required by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Charities Registration Section for annual reporting for the past two completed fiscal years pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:17A-24. Organizations with an annual total gross income of \$1,000,000 or more must provide certified audits for their past two completed fiscal years, or the same financial documentation as is required by the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Charities Registration Section for annual reporting for the past two completed fiscal years pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:17A-24.

(b)-(c) (No change.)
