

PRESS RELEASE



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Bronx, NY (2/21/25) – NSCDNY/ Van Cortlandt House Museum (VCHM) has received an award of \$10,000 from the City of New York as part of the city’s recent announcement of more than \$59 million in Cultural Development Fund (CDF) grants to 1,078 cultural organizations across the five boroughs. With support coming from the NYC Mayor’s Office and the City Council, this is the city’s largest-ever allocation for the CDF and represents a major investment in the cultural life of New York City.

For Van Cortlandt House Museum, this CDF grant will support the museum’s No-Cost Field Trips for Bronx Public Schools in the 2024-2025 School Year Initiative.

“We are deeply honored and grateful to receive CDF funding from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. This support reaffirms the essential role that arts, history, and culture play in our communities and empowers us to advance our mission as a cornerstone of the Bronx cultural landscape. This funding will sustain VCHM’s No-Cost Field Trips for Bronx Public Schools initiative. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs for their unwavering commitment to enriching the city’s cultural and historical fabric.”

-Margaret Holmes

The FY25 CDF funding — which is awarded annually by DCLA using a competitive, peer-evaluated grant process — includes \$51.9 million from the New York City Mayor’s Office and \$7.4 million from members of the New York City Council. Funding from the CDF supports a broad range of artistic, cultural, and historic organizations across New York City, helping support good-paying jobs and strengthening the city’s flourishing cultural sector. Additionally, this year’s CDF includes investments to create a more inclusive cultural sector, as funding will support people who speak a language other than English, people with disabilities, vulnerable populations, and more.

Learn more and find a full list of this year's CDF grantees in [the City's official press release](#).