

Jeremy V. Johnson Trustee, Turrell Fund

Jeremy Johnson is an outspoken champion for cities, public-private initiatives, and the role of the creative sector in improving America's communities. In 2021, he was named President and CEO of Assembly for the Arts, a new regional arts council for greater Cleveland. Assembly aims to unify and strengthen the arts and culture sectors by expanding resources and increasing equity.

Jeremy is leading Assembly to reignite Cleveland's creative economy, which generates \$9.1B annually and supports nearly 65,000 jobs. Jeremy helped secure \$6.3M in federal arts investments from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) via city and county partnerships.

He previously held senior arts positions in New Jersey and served as philanthropic liaison for Newark Mayor (now Senator) Cory Booker and Mayor Ras Baraka. As liaison, he led the formation of the Early Learning Funders Group, which developed a \$1M shared investment strategy to strengthen early Head Start programs and increase parent-child engagement. He serves on the boards of University Circle, Inc., Downtown Cleveland Alliance, and the AEP6 Equity Task Force for Americans for the Arts. He began his career as an intern at Lincoln Center in New York. Jeremy co-founded the Newark City of Learning Collaborative and previously served on the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra board.