



Belmont Cultural Council

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BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 15.

The Belmont Cultural Council, in conjunction with the Mass Cultural Council guidelines, has set an October 15, 2021 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the Belmont community.

According to Council Chair, Vicki Amalfitano, these grants can support community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences. Past projects include public art (Belmont Art Association Transformer Project,) all-town festivals (including Porchfest), music (in 2018 Cellist Mike Block at the Public Library and Ayla Brown at Payson Park Music Festival), dance (Classical Kathak Indian Dance children's show at the Beech St Center), theater (Stage Ensemble Theater Unit at Belmont's Town Theater), science (Mass Audubon Habitat's events at the Belmont Farmer's Market) and more.

The Belmont Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. This year, the Belmont Cultural will distribute about \$7,800 in grants.

The Mass Cultural Council has scheduled a webinar for Applicants to provide more information on the application process on September 9th from 6 to 7:30 PM at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>

For local guidelines and priorities, previously funded projects, and other information on the Belmont Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/Belmont Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Councils are available online at www.mass-culture.org