



Belmont Cultural Council

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BELMONT CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Grant application process for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs is open from September 1st through October 17th.

The Belmont Cultural Council, in conjunction with the Mass Cultural Council, has set September 1st through October 17th as the application period for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the Belmont community.

The online application is available on the Mass Cultural Council website at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/>. The Belmont Cultural Council is one of the Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) which serve all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The Mass Cultural Council is holding a virtual training session for LCC applicants on September 13th at 6 PM at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LFs4VTFMR4qfTgu3isLDaQ.

According to Belmont Cultural Council Chair, Vicki Amalfitano, 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 (Payson Park Music Festival), film (Belmont World Film's 20th International Film Series), theater, science, and more.

Mass Cultural Council's 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 distributed roughly \$7,800 in grants.

For local guidelines and priorities, previously funded projects, and other information on the Belmont Cultural Council, visit www.mass-culture.org/Belmont