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Funding Available! Montague Cultural Council Seeks Proposals for Workshops, Performances, Exhibits, and More

Individuals and organizations are encouraged to apply for grant funding to support community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs during 2019. Applications will be accepted from September 1-October 15, 2018.

Last year, the Montague Cultural Council, a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, awarded 22 grants, ranging from \$100-\$350, for projects including musical performances, theatrical productions, art-making workshops, readings, exhibitions, and educational programs. These cultural activities were organized by artists, nonprofits, public agencies, and other local groups and have taken place at a variety of public locations, including schools, the Great Falls Discovery Center, the Montague Public Libraries, the Shea Theater Community Arts Center, and the Brick House Community Resource Center.

Funding for these grants comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which receives an annual appropriation from the state legislature and then allocates funds to 329 local cultural councils. The Montague Cultural Council wishes to encourage proposals from a broad range of applicants and to fund programs that allow Montague residents in all five villages to experience a diverse array of programming. In some cases we fully fund programs, but we encourage applicants to seek additional funding sources, including using our grants as seed money. Filmmaker Richard Widmer, for example, used his MCC grant to start filming his documentary on the Turners Falls High School softball team and raise additional funds to complete the project scheduled to premier this September at the Shea.

Potential applicants should review the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Montague Cultural Council guidelines carefully and then submit an application by October 15, 2018. The application and guidelines are online at <http://www.mass->

culture.org. For a printed copy of the application, please contact us. Montague Cultural Council members will review the applications and name this year's awardees by January 2019.

If you have an idea for a cultural event and are considering applying for a grant this year, **please come meet with us on September 16th from 2-4 at the Gill Montague Senior Center** (62 5th St. Turners Falls). Questions should be directed to Kate Martineau, chair of the Cultural Council at 512 466 6052 or montaguelcc@gmail.com