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Agawam Cultural Council Announces Grant Awards for FY2015

Donald F. Humason, Jr., State Senator, **Nicholas A. Boldyga**, State Representative, and **Bob Kadis**, chair of the Agawam Cultural Council, have announced the awards of **19** grants totaling **\$10,450**, for cultural programs in **Agawam**. There were a total of 23 applications requesting \$17,696 from the Cultural Council.

The list of grant recipients may be found at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam#>.

The Agawam 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 Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Agawam Cultural Council are: Jane Eitel, Donna Fitzgerald, Harry Georgiades, Bob Kadis, Andrea LaPlace, Walter Mantani, Dave Owens, Jackie Owens, Doug Reed, Elsa Rosenak, Ceil Rossi, John C. Stone, and Maryellen Sullivan.

“Cultural Councils are staffed by local volunteers and they work very hard to ensure all citizens, but particularly our youth, are afforded high quality opportunities to participate and learn about the arts and humanities,” Senator Humason said. “The Agawam Cultural Council does an outstanding job, and I am proud to support them in their efforts.”

“I’m pleased to announce that Agawam has received a number of grants for arts and humanities programs,” Representative Boldyga said. “MCC grants help to ensure that cultural resources in Agawam and across the Commonwealth are accessible to residents.”

The Agawam Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Information and forms are available online from the Agawam Cultural Council website www.agawamcc.org, click on Grants. Applications are due **October 15, 2015**.

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