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Agawam Cultural Council Seeks Funding Requests

With a mandate to distribute State monies via a grants process, the Agawam Cultural Council is seeking grant requests from local community-oriented programs in arts, humanities and sciences in need of funding. The Agawam Cultural Council has set the FY2020 grant season to start Sunday, September 1, 2019 and to end Tuesday, October 15, 2019 as the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that may support or provide cultural activities for the Agawam community. According to Council spokesperson Bob Kadis, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Agawam -- including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in the schools, workshops, lectures or historical interpretation.

Notably, the Council also encourages funding requests from schools and youth groups to cover ticket and transportation costs for field trips for school-age children.

For more information, Local Guidelines and FAQ's can be found at this site:

<http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> by clicking on the "Council Priorities" tab, or on the ACC's own website at: [agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org), click on "Grants".

Note that the MCC FY2019 allocation was \$13,400 and when added to the FY-2018 \$450 unencumbered funds made for an available total grant amount of \$13,850 for FY-2019. The FY-2020 State budget has increased funding for the Arts across the state. This means that, along with unencumbered funds from unfulfilled FY-2019 Local Grants, the Agawam Cultural Council is mandated to disperse close to \$17,000 in FY-2020 Grants!

If you have questions about the online application process, you may contact the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Lisa Simmons at 617-858-2707 or at lisa.simmons@state.ma.us -- or ACC chair Bob Kadis, at 413-789-4814 or at r.kadis@comcast.net.

An online application process will become available September 1. The Agawam Cultural Council will not accept paper applications. To apply for a grant, please visit: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> and click "Apply Now" to start the process. New applicants will be required to register on the site at the time of application.

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which the Agawam Cultural Council is a part, is a grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency. The MCC provides allocations to each of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns to support cultural activities. These funds are then dispersed through a strict grant process conducted by the all-volunteer network of 329 Local Cultural Councils. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

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