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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 and 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.

Information about the ACC's Grants program can also be found on the ACC's own website at: agawamcc.org.

The FY-2020 allocation amount has not been determined as of this writing. The recent state budget includes increased funding for the Arts across the state. Additionally, the ACC has \$615 of unencumbered funds left over from the FY-2019 grant season. The MCC FY-2020 allocation from the state budget plus the unencumbered funds will make up the total grant amount for FY-2020. The total grant amount will be posted on our website when we know it. Please note that the MCC FY-2019 allocation of \$13,400 added to our FY-2018 unencumbered funds of \$450 made for an available total grant amount of \$13,850 for FY-2019.

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".

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.