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#### **WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS**

The Westminster Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. Funds can be used for a variety of projects and activities in Westminster, including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures or performances.

This year the Council will distribute approximately \$8,700. in grants. Previously funded projects include music events at the Community Senior Center; cultural programs in town schools; entertainment at the Farmers' Market; and various programs at the Forbush Memorial Library.

The Westminster Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving Massachusetts. The WCC is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as an allocation from the town.

#### **Westminster Cultural Council Guidelines**

1. The applicant's program must benefit the citizens of Westminster.
2. The applicant, if not a Westminster resident, must submit a letter of support from the venue.
3. Each applicant must apply online at <https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/>
4. If the grant application is for an event that services people from Westminster and other communities, those other communities' Cultural Councils should also be solicited for funds.
5. Programs at the middle and high school should be funded by both towns' cultural councils. We will accept applications for cultural field trips for children pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade by subsidizing the cost of ticket price and/or transportation.
6. The goal of the Westminster Cultural Council is to fund diverse programs for a variety of audiences/participants.
7. We encourage the applicant to seek and include on the application matching funds.
8. The window of eligibility for grant reimbursement/acceptance will be the calendar year following the grant deadline of October 17th. Projects must be completed between January 1 and December 31st. Applicants complete their applications online and submit them directly through the online system at <http://mcc.smartsimple.com> by **Tuesday, October 17, 2023.**

The Massachusetts Cultural Council website at <http://mcc.smartsimple.com> has grant application forms available on September 1, 2023 as well as information about local council grants. The forms are not difficult to complete. Applicants are welcome to speak with local contact for help with the application process:

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