

How you can be involved in bringing cultural events to Westminister:



Would you like to be a member of the Westminister Cultural Council?

Residents of Westminister are invited to join the Westminister Cultural Council. As a member of the WCC you will be a part of the decision-making process that funds projects in the arts, sciences and humanities. For information about the WCC contact any WCC member.

What type of cultural activities you would like to see in Westminister?

WCC welcomes your input! Your thoughts as to the types of programs or events you would like to see are needed. What type of events would you like to have in our town?

Are you, or an organization you are involved with, interested in applying for a grant from the WCC?

LCCs can fund grants from individuals, nonprofit organizations, associations, schools, libraries and religious organizations. All LCC funded programming must show that a public benefit results from the funded project.

You can contact the Westminister Cultural Council at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Westminister>

or

by writing to the Westminister Cultural Council at the Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminister

When available, dates and times of Westminister Cultural Council funded events that are open to the public will be posted on the Westminister town website: www.westminister-ma.gov.

WESTMINSTER CULTURAL COUNCIL 2016

The Westminister Cultural Council is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) in Massachusetts. *Local Cultural Council Program Guidelines* describe the LCC program as follows:

In Massachusetts, public funding for the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences is provided through a central state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and through a network of local cultural councils that serve every city and town in the state.

The MCC receives funding from the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) are made up of volunteers who are appointed by the community's chief elected official and who are responsible for making decisions on how they will award the money granted to them by the MCC in ways that will serve local cultural needs.

For the 2016 fiscal year, the Westminister Cultural Council received \$4,600 in MCC funding in addition to a \$2,000 appropriation from the town. Each year in October the WCC solicits grant applications that are then reviewed for funding.

Westminister Cultural Council Members

Mary Waight, Chairperson	Ceil Burgess, Vice-Chair
Susan Yraola, Secretary	Patricia Gendron
Valerie Antoniac, Treasurer	Marta Klemetti
Leeann Lamsa	Karin Mills

In FY16 the Westminster Cultural Council is pleased to be able to fund the following events:

<p>Spanish Immersion Day Concert \$350 Oakmont Regional High School, March 29, 2016 Funding will support Jesus Pagan and Conjunto Barrio, a Latin band, as the culminating activity for an intra-schools Spanish immersion day.</p>	<p>A Musical Journey through the Years \$225 Westminster Council on Aging Community Senior Center, April 13, 2016 Tommy Rull will sing a variety of musical numbers including those by Frank Sinatra, Barry Manilow, Louis Armstrong, Paul McCartney and others.</p>
<p>“Music is Love” with Dawn Kelly \$200 Westminster Council on Aging Community Senior Center, Spring 2016 A one hour music and magic variety show with music from the 1930’s - 1960’s.</p>	<p>Songs of World War II Musical Program \$300 Community Senior Center, May 3, 2016 A community-wide musical event presented by singer Ruth Harcovitz to commemorate the end of the Second World War</p>
<p>Pumpnickel Puppets \$290 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program Westminster Elementary School, March 2016 A lively puppet performance that brings folk tales to life for young children and their families.</p>	<p>Arabiga \$337 Overlook Middle School, March 2016 Egyptian-American Karim Nagi helps to introduce students to Arab and Muslim culture in a performance featuring traditional dance and folk music played on a variety of instruments.</p>
<p>Circle of Artists Art Show, October 22-23, 2016 \$500 The Circle of Artists An art show for the members of the Circle of Artists as well as local artists and high school students.</p>	<p>Westminster Farmers’ Market Entertainment \$1,200 Westminster Agricultural Council May-October 2016 Stipends for local musicians, children’s theater performers and other entertainers performing at the Friday Westminster Farmers’ Market.</p>
<p>The Sound of Music \$300 Oakmont Regional High School Drama Club, April 7-9, 2016 Funds will enhance the quality of the Drama Club’s performance and subsidize the cost of tickets for children under 12.</p>	<p>Great Decisions Seminars \$450 Friends of the Forbush Memorial Library, Feb 4 –March 31, 2016 Funds will go towards decreasing the cost of supplies for those participating in discussions of foreign policy.</p>
<p>Julius Caesar Theater Performance \$600 Overlook Middle School, spring 2016 A theatrical performance of a notable figure for grade 6 students as a culminating activity of the year-long study of famous historical figures.</p>	<p>Henry the Juggler \$425 Parks and Recreation Program, July 2016 Henry juggles many different items and entertains with humor and skill. The children will also attend a workshop after the performance.</p>
<p>Yankee Street Fair Entertainment \$450 First Congregational Church, August 27, 2016 These funds will go toward hiring performers to entertain everyone at the fair.</p>	