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HEATH CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS
Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 15

The Heath Cultural Council (HCC) has set a Friday, October 15, 2021 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

This year, HCC will distribute \$5,000 in grants—a record-setting appropriation for the Council. According to Council spokesperson Rachel Gray, these grants can support a variety of artistic and community projects and activities in Heath and surrounding towns—including exhibits, performances, workshops, lectures, field trips, short-term artist residencies, and other culturally enriching programs. Last year, projects funded by the Heath Cultural Council included: the annual Heath Arts Exhibition, plein air painting supplies for the Heath Senior Art Program, a mindfulness and yoga summer program for Hilltown Kids, the Heath Free Public Library Summer Reading Program, the Charlemont Speakers Forum, the Weaving Program at Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, and *hilltownfamilies.org*, an online educational community resource.

The Heath Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) 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 Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. State Senator Adam Hinds, representing Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire, and Hampden Counties in Western Massachusetts, is a strong advocate and supporter of the LCC Program.

For application forms and more information, visit the Heath Cultural Council page at https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/s_login.jsp. For questions about the HCC grant proposal process, contact Barbara Gordon, Chair, at 413-896-9183 or email Barbara@CatsCradleDesigns.com.

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