



Massachusetts Cultural Council

## Press Release Announcing Availability of Funds

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### **ROCHESTER CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 17, 2016

The **Rochester Cultural Council** is accepting online applications from organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community from **September 1, 2016 until October 17, 2016**.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is excited to announce that the Local Cultural Council Program **online application will be available at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org)**. The pages that an applicant uses in applying will have a responsive design, and will be easily accessed by a phone, tablet, or computer.

**The Rochester Cultural Council will accept online applications ONLY (located at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).)**

**Paper applications will no longer be accepted.**

For schools, please note that you must apply online through this application as well to request a grant for funds to cover the cost of buses for field trips.

According to Council Members, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in **Rochester and surrounding areas** -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The **Rochester Cultural Council** is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

This year, the Rochester Cultural Council will distribute about \$4400 in grants. Previously funded projects include: author visits at Rochester Memorial School, the Rochester COA's Community Thank You Event, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's school assemblies, and the Rochester Historical Society's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammar School Reunion Music Program.

Once an application is approved, the grantee should complete the project as outlined in their original application, acknowledge their funding from the LCC and MCC, and then request reimbursement. Grant recipients have one year from the date of their approval letter to request reimbursement. **Approval and denial letters will be communicated via email by the Rochester Cultural Council.**

For local guidelines and complete information on the **Rochester Cultural Council**, contact us at **508-763-3871 x10 or RochesterCulturalCouncil@gmail.com**. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).