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BERNARDSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due December 14, 2020.

The **Bernardston Cultural Council** has set a **December 14th** deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

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

The **Bernardston Cultural Council** is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils 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.

While the total amount of funding available will be contingent upon the Mass Cultural Council's FY 21 state budget appropriation, last year the Bernardston Cultural Council was awarded **\$4,800** in grants. Previously funded projects include: Concerts by the Pond, Hilltown Families Presents, Authors and Artists Festival and the monthly Racial Justice Program Series.

For local guidelines and complete information on the **Bernardston Cultural Council**, contact Kristina Costello at **BernardstonCulturalCouncil@gmail.com**. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at **www.mass-culture.org**.