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BERNARDSTON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due **October 15, 2019**.

The **Bernardston Cultural Council** has set an **October 15th** 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.

This year, the Bernardston Cultural Council will distribute about **\$4,800** in grants. Previously funded projects include: Concerts Under the Sky at the Cushman Library, Tom Ricardi's Birds of Prey at Bernardston Elementary School, Pastel Painting with Gregory Maichack, A Night of Theater with the FCTS Players at the Shea Theater, and many more.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Bernardston Cultural Council, contact Kristina Costello at 978-413-3078 or email kristinajcostello@yahoo.com. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org.