

The Medway Cultural Council (MEDCC) supports public programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences; directly affect the residents of Medway; achieve the greatest community benefit; and cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The Medway Cultural Council is a local agency funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

We strive to support cultural offerings that are equitable and inclusive, and we aim to be part of a society that is fair and just. As such, priority will be given to local artists, projects that grapple with the current social, environmental, and economic crises (such as those brought on by COVID-19, racial and social injustices, and police brutality). We also will give priority to projects with a local connection, projects that create art in public places in Medway (such as parks and recreational spaces, walking trails, and sidewalks), as well as projects that are friendly to the challenges brought about by physical distancing, applicants that have secured a local venue and/or partner, and requests from Medway community organizations. New and innovative projects that reach diverse and underserved audiences are encouraged.

We expect applicants to arrange a venue prior to applying. This venue must be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Cultural Council funds are not intended to be used as the sole source of funds for projects of a continuing nature; over time, the percentage of a continuing project's budget coming from the MEDCC should decrease.

Cultural Council funds are not intended to substitute for, replace, or relieve existing responsibility for municipal or other public funding of programs.

Applicants may apply for grants for programs that take place during an 18-month window of eligibility between July 1, preceding the application deadline in October, through December 31 of the following year.

At the discretion of the MEDCC, applicants may receive less than the total amount requested (partial funding).

The Medway Cultural Council Performance Agreement and Massachusetts Cultural Council Local Cultural Council Reimbursement Form must accompany all requests for reimbursement. The MEDCC will send these forms to grantees. Invoices, contracts, cancelled checks, or paid bills as appropriate should accompany the reimbursement form to document expenditures.

Grant recipients have one year from the date of their approval letter to request reimbursement.

Grant application forms are available online. Applications must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. November 15 (or November 16 if the 15th is a Sunday). If you have further questions, submit them at: medcc@townofmedway.org