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Apply for community arts grants through the Hanover Cultural Council **Proposals for arts, humanities, and science programs are due October 17**

Have you ever wondered what happens with the funds raised at Hanover Day? Money from our annual celebration, plus Hanover's share of state cultural funds, is used to support arts, science, and humanities projects throughout the year.

Between September 1 and October 17, 2023, the Hanover Cultural Council will accept applications from organizations, schools, and individuals for grants to fund cultural activities in Hanover. These grants can support a variety of arts, science, and humanities projects, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

This year's allocation to Hanover from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) is \$8,100, and additional funds are available thanks to the past success of Hanover Day. The Council will meet later this fall to review the applications and award the grants.

A webinar will be held on September 12 at 6 p.m. to review the application process. Register at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/event/how-to-apply-for-a-local-cultural-council-grant/>

Past events have included the Summer Concert Series by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Drama Club programs at South Shore Vo-Tech, funding for the Hanover Performing Arts Company, painting workshops, Museum of Science Outreach program at Cedar Elementary School, several museum passes and children's programs at the John Curtis Library, and sponsorships of programs for the Walnut Hill Garden Club, South Shore Natural Science Center, Hanover senior center, and many others.

The Hanover Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the MCC, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. Local councils are allowed to raise additional money through events like Hanover Day.

Applications and more information about the program are available online at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/hanover/>

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