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LOCAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR WALTHAM

The Waltham Cultural Council have announced the award of 38 grants totaling \$31,500 for cultural programs in Waltham.

Previous grant recipients include the Waltham Land Trust, Opportunities for Inclusion, African Cultural Services, Gore Estate, and many more. A complete list of this year's recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

The Waltham 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. The City of Waltham also contributes \$10K annually to help support more robust cultural opportunities for its residents.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. The members of the Waltham Cultural Council are: Rosemary Harbeson, Elizabeth Moy, Jim Ohm, Brad Pielech, Scott Schurr, Consuelo Valdes.

Statewide, more than \$3.3 million will be distributed by local cultural councils in 2019. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities: concerts, exhibitions, radio and video productions, field trips for school children, after-school youth programs, writing workshops, historical preservation efforts, lectures, First Night celebrations, nature and science education programs for families and town festivals. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

The Waltham Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. For guidelines and complete information on the Waltham Cultural Council, contact Elizabeth Moy at walthamculturalcouncil@gmail.com. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org. Applications are due mid October.

This year's grants include:

African Cultural Services Inc.
Art in Suburbia
Blueprint Projects
Boston-Area Jewish Education Program (BJEP)
Chesterbrook Community Foundation
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum
Discovery Museum
DWP / Riverfest & Steampunk Festival
Fiona Mamai / Waltham Children's Business Fair
Francis Hart/A Cultural and Historical Reflection of the 1960's Through the Music of the Beatles
Gore Place
In Good Company
John Root / Edible Wild Plants Walk
Kaleidoscope Festival
Kennedy Middle School PTO
Meadowscaping for Biodiversity
Metalwerx
New Repertory Theatre
Office of the Arts at Brandeis University
Opportunities for Inclusion (formerly GWArc)
Patricia Cummings / Drumlin Farm Spring Field Trip
Plympton multicultural
Robert Treat Paine Historical Trust (DBA Friends of Stonehurst)
Rose Art Museum
Ruth Henry / Bothness
Tal Shalom- Kobi / A Tribute to Women Composers Around the World
Teen Room at Waltham Public Library
Temple Beth Israel
Victoria Portsmore / Addressing Issues of Racism and Bias Through Theatre
Waltham American Legion Band
Waltham Arts Council
Waltham Boys & Girls Club
Waltham Farmers' Market
Waltham Land Trust
Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra
Waltham Public Library
Waltham Robohawks
Waltham Mills Artist Association