

Becket Cultural Council Announces 2023 Grant Cycle

The Becket Cultural Council has announced its October 17 deadline for grant applications for projects taking place in 2023. The Becket Cultural Council provides grants to community-oriented arts, humanities, and educational science programs that benefit the Becket community. Priority is given to organizations, projects, events, and programs that support local youth and senior programs, emphasize cultural diversity, and offer experiences for local residents to enjoy.

Applications for FY23 grants must be received between September 1 and October 17, 2022. Apply online at <https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/>.

The Becket 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 Becket Cultural Council will distribute \$5,500 in grants, the most the council has ever allocated.

For more information about the grant program, go to <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/> or attend the online information session on September 13.

Note that funding is distributed as a reimbursement of expenses; it is not paid out up front. Becket Cultural Council guidelines are:

- Be specific about the benefit of your program to the Becket community.
- List the names and qualifications of the individual(s) leading the activity, as well as any artist fees.
- Where applicable, include a local venue, the event date(s) and time, and the name of a local contact who is sponsoring the activity. Virtual events are eligible.
- Out-of-town applicants without local sponsors will be rejected.

MassCulturalCouncil has also announced two one-time pandemic recovery grants for cultural organizations and individuals, including gig workers who have experienced financial and programmatic set backs due to the COVID pandemic. Visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/blog/apply-for-cultural-sector-recovery-grants/> for more information. The deadline for organizations applying is September 28; for individuals it is November 1.

For more information about the Becket Cultural Council, email becketculturalcouncil@townofbecket.org or visit <https://www.townofbecket.org/becket-cultural-council>. Grant awards will be announced in January 2023.