

Town of Freetown Cultural Council PO Box 438 Assonet, MA 02702

The Freetown Cultural Council seeks funding proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs for its 2017 Grant Cycle. The Freetown Cultural Council has set an October 17, 2016 postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

The Freetown Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

New this year, is an online application process which is available on September 1, 2016. The Freetown Cultural Council will also accept paper applications. For specific guidelines, applications and complete information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx. Paper grant applications will be available at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main St., Assonet, MA.

Residents of Freetown are also welcome to fill out a survey about what they would like to see in terms of artistic/cultural events. This will help the Freetown Cultural Council ensure the funding decisions meet the needs and priorities of the residents of Freetown. Paper copies of the surveys will be available at Freetown Town Hall, Freetown Senior Center on Chace Rd., East Freetown, the James White Memorial Library and the Guilford H. Hathaway Library. Surveys will be available on the town's web site www.freetownma.gov