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#### **PETERSHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Petersham Cultural Council has set an **October 15th** deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson **Linda Paquet** these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in the Quabbin region -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. The PCC also gives grants for funding projects in the sciences and the humanities, such as historical or environmental education.

The **Petersham 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.

Previously funded projects include: Petersham Friday Market music, a first grade field trip to a "plant life" program at Mass Audubon, and free Ukelele lessons. We welcome new and innovative ideas for grants!

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. This means that applicants may apply for projects that have already happened or which happen prior to LCCs' grant announcements, with the knowledge that funding is not guaranteed.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org) and find petersham after clicking on the applicants tab, follow the directions under "apply now.". Please submit applications online, if this is not possible then paper applications will be accepted by sending to the Petersham Cultural Council, Petersham Town Hall, PO Box 486, Petersham MA 01366  
If you have any questions about the application process contact **Jeannette Martin** at [jeannettemartin326@gmail.com](mailto:jeannettemartin326@gmail.com) or **Linda Paquet** at [lpaquet60@verizon.net](mailto:lpaquet60@verizon.net).