

MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Fiscal Year 2018 Grants

Grant Recipient **FY18**

Greater Merrimack Valley

Town of Acton

Big Yellow School Bus

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, Contact: Lawrence Dorey, 978/264-4700
for an educational field trip. \$200

Luther Conant Elementary School, Contact: Damian Sugrue, 978/266-2550
for an educational field trip. \$200

Paul P. Gates Elementary School, Contact: Lynne Newman, 978/266-2570
for an educational field trip. \$200

Raymond Grey Regional Junior High School, Contact: Andrew Shen, 978/264-4700
for an educational field trip. \$200

McCarthy-Towne Elementary School, Contact: David Krane, 978/264-3377
for an educational field trip. \$200

Cultural Facilities Fund

Discovery Museums, Inc., Contact: Neil H. Gordon, 978/264-4200
to produce a master plan for updating four existing small buildings as well as parking on
campus. \$30,000

Cultural Investment Portfolio

Arts Are Essential, Inc., Contact: Jean Butler, 978/263-0108
to work in partnership with educators and artists to bring arts experiences that enrich,
educate, and enlighten students of all ages while inspiring creativity. \$3,800

Discovery Museums, Inc., Contact: Neil H. Gordon, 978/264-4200
to inspire enduring curiosity and love of learning through interactive discovery, hands-on
inquiry, and scientific investigation. \$14,500

The Open Door Theater of Acton, Inc., Contact: J. Samatha (Sam) Gould, 978/635-0685
to hire hourly ASL interpreter(s) and a ASL Coach/Master for actors. \$2,500

Sounds of Stow, Inc., Contact: Madge Evans, 617/743-7061
for a collaborative, multi-chorus performance of Britten's World War II-inspired "War
Requiem.". \$2,500

Festivals Program

Essence of India, Contact: Sunanda Sahay
for support of Essence of India. \$500

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Arts Are Essential, Inc., Contact: Jean Butler, 978/263-0108
for the Innovation and Learning Network. \$3,000

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Discovery Museums, Inc., Contact: Neil H. Gordon, 978/264-4200 for Ann Alexopoulos, a local Speech Language Pathologist to advise the museum's Early Childhood Education Director, Allison Leake, on enhancing the Brain Building Together exhibit for older children participating in Especially for Me events.	\$1,000
The Open Door Theater of Acton, Inc., Contact: J. Samatha (Sam) Gould, 978/635-0685 to train our technical volunteers to re-design our website to comply with web content accessibility guidelines (WCAG 2.0) including compliance with section 508 compliance of the Rehabilitation Act and perhaps update our social media presence to include captioning all video and alt text if possible.	\$1,000
Town of Bedford	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Hanscom Middle School, Contact: Erich Ledebuhr, 781/274-0050 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Hanscom Primary School, Contact: Bethann Ludwig, 781/274-7721 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Bedford Cultural Council, Contact: Judy Mabry, 914-489-4056	\$4,600
Town of Billerica	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Billerica Memorial High School, Contact: Thomas Murphy, 978/528-8712 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Hajjar Elementary School, Contact: Elizabeth Devine, 978/528-8550 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Locke Middle School, Contact: Anthony Garas, 978/528-8650 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Parker School, Contact: Suzanne Sullivan, 978/528-8610 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Shawsheen Valley Vocational Technical, Contact: Jessica Cook, 978/667-2111 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Billerica Arts Council, , 978-671-0924	\$12,500

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<i>Town of Boxborough</i>	
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
The Spectrum Singers, Inc., Contact: Thomas Best, 617/492-8902 to perform music from the pre-Renaissance to the present, emphasizing seldom-heard works by master composers in creative programs that illuminate contrasts and resonances among the works.	\$3,800
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council, Contact: Sharon Garde, 978/263-9495	\$9,300
<i>Town of Burlington</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Burlington High School, Contact: Mark Sullivan, 781/270-1836 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Marshall Simonds Middle School, Contact: Cari Purchase, 781/270-1781 for an educational field trip.	\$200
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Burlington Cultural Council, Contact: Nathan Piccini, 781 799-6626	\$4,800
<i>Town of Carlisle</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Carlisle Cultural Council, Contact: Caren Ponty, 978-369-6136	\$4,400
<i>Town of Chelmsford</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Chelmsford Cultural Council, , 978-250-5201	\$9,700
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
C. Edith McCarthy Middle School, Contact: Kurt McPhee, 978/251-5122 for a school residency with Kimberley Connors, Archeology Outreach.	\$5,000
Colonel Moses Parker Middle School, Contact: Dr. Jeffery Parks, 978/251-5133 for a school residency with Kimberley Connors, Archeology Outreach.	\$4,600
<i>Town of Concord</i>	
<i>Artist Fellowship</i>	
Meg Alexander, , 978/869-0737 for artistic professional development.	\$1,000

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Ilana Manolson, , 978/287-5444 for artistic professional development.	\$12,000
Cultural Facilities Fund	
The Umbrella Community Arts Center, Contact: Jerry Wedge, 978/371-0820 to renovate and expand classroom and performance space, improve accessibility, replace operating systems.	\$100,000
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Concord Chamber Music Society, Inc., Contact: Wendy L. Putnam, 978/254-5205 to enhance cultural life in Concord, MA and surrounding communities through the presentation of high caliber, affordable concerts and the administration of educational outreach programs that bring the experience of live chamber music to individuals that might not ordinarily have the opportunity to attend a CCMS concert.	\$3,800
Concord Museum, Contact: Thomas J. Putnam, 978/369-9763 to educate visitors of all ages about the history of Concord and its continuing influence on American political, literary and cultural life; and to use the collection to serve as a catalyst for changing exhibitions, extended classroom learning, dynamic programs, and publications relevant to an ever-changing world.	\$16,700
Massachusetts Center for the Book, Inc., Contact: Sharon Shaloo, 617-872-3718 to develop, support, & promote cultural programming to (1) advance lifelong literacy, (2) increase audiences for Massachusetts writing & publishing, (3) stimulate interest in the book arts & (4) highlight literary tourism sites.	\$3,800
The Nature Connection, Inc., Contact: Sophie B. Wadsworth, 978/369-2585 to support the human spirit by offering and building connections between people and the natural world.	\$3,800
Radius Ensemble, Inc., Contact: Jennifer Montbach, 617/792-7234 to liberate classical music for a new generation of music lovers with a fresh combination of eclectic programming and intimate performances by extraordinary musicians.	\$3,800
The Umbrella Community Arts Center, Contact: Jerry Wedge, 978/371-0820 to encourage the enjoyment and practice of the arts in Concord and the region by offering quality arts education programs for all ages and abilities; providing space for local nonprofits and artists to offer performances, events, and classes; nurturing a community of artists with affordable studio rentals; fostering the Musketaquid Arts and Environment program; and presenting entertaining and inspiring performances under the banner Emerson Umbrella Presents.	\$14,400
Festivals Program	
The Umbrella Community Arts Center, Contact: Jerry Wedge, 978/371-0820 for support of Earth Day 2018: Celebrating the Confluence of Art & Nature Gathering Places.	\$500
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Concord Cultural Council, , 978-371-7150	\$4,600

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STARS Residency	
Thoreau School, Contact: Angel Charles, 978/318-1300 for a school residency with Steven Ratiner.	\$5,000
Willard Elementary School, Contact: Matthew Lucey, 978/318-1340 for a school residency with Steven Ratiner.	\$4,500
Town of Dracut	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Joseph A. Campbell Elementary School, Contact: Angela Kimble, 978/459-6186 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Greenmont Avenue School, Contact: Nicholas Botelho, 978/453-1797 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Dracut Cultural Council, , 978-458-2995	\$11,300
Town of Dunstable	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Swallow Union Elementary School, Contact: Peter Myerson, 978/649-7281 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Dunstable Cultural Council, Contact: Claudia Novak, 978/649-4514	\$4,400
Town of Lexington	
Artist Fellowship	
Sarah Lubin, , 617/230-8138 for artistic professional development.	\$1,000
Soumya Rajaram, , 781/266-6658 for artistic professional development.	\$1,000
Big Yellow School Bus	
Minuteman Regional High School, Contact: John Dillon, 781/861-6500 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Lexington Symphony, Inc., Contact: Jonathan McPhee, 781/523-9009 to support musical study and community outreach program, Orchestrating Kids through Classics.	\$5,000
Special Needs Arts Programs, Inc., Contact: Heidi O'Mara, 781/325-8025 for an exhibit and concert featuring the Special Need Chorus and Special Artists.	\$2,500

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<i>Festivals Program</i>	
Bharathakalai School of Dance, Contact: Mrs. Jayshree Bala Rajamani, 617/680-9849 for support of the TriNethra: The Third Eye Festival of Dance.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Lexington Council for the Arts, Contact: Seetha Ramnath, 781-698-4580	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Jonas Clarke Middle School, Contact: Anna Monaco, 781/861-2450 for a school residency with Steven Ratiner.	\$3,500
<i>Town of Lincoln</i>	
<i>Cultural Facilities Fund</i>	
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Contact: John B. Ravenal, 781/259-3615 for a 20-year capital needs assessment of the building and its mechanical systems.	\$7,000
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Contact: John B. Ravenal, 781/259-3615 for the replacement of elevators and boilers in the museum.	\$100,000
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Contact: John B. Ravenal, 781/259-3615 to educate as broad and diverse a public as possible about modern and contemporary American art by focusing primarily on the art of the New England region; and by educating through exhibitions, collections, classes, outreach programs, and a full schedule of activities designed to enhance the public's engagement with art and artists.	\$36,000
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., Contact: Gary Clayton, 781/259-9500 to capture the attention of the inquisitive mind, instill a respect for all life, and foster an intelligent understanding of the human position in the natural world.	\$56,500
<i>Festivals Program</i>	
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., Contact: Gary Clayton, 781/259-9500 for support of Barbara Walker Butterfly Festival.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Lincoln Cultural Council, , 781/259-0885	\$4,400
<i>YouthReach</i>	
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., Contact: Gary Clayton, 781/259-9500 to provide out-of-school opportunities for youth in Lowell to work alongside mentors to conduct scientific investigations, participate in habitat stewardship projects, and develop leadership skills.	\$15,000

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<i>Town of Littleton</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Littleton Middle School, Contact: Cheryl Temple, 978/486-8938 for an educational field trip.	\$200
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Indian Hill Music, Inc., Contact: Susan Randazzo, 978/486-9524 for a community music school, offering instruction in 30+ instruments and voice to all ages/abilities and scholarships; professional symphonic concerts and other high-caliber music series; extensive array of outreach programs.	\$24,100
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Littleton Cultural Council, Contact: Arpita Pathak, 978-761-2828	\$4,500
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Russell Street Elementary School, Contact: Scott Bazydlo, 978/540-2520 for a school residency with Andrew Green, Potato Hill Poetry.	\$2,000
<i>City of Lowell</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Dr. Gertrude M. Bailey School, Contact: Kimberley Clements, 978/937-7644 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Bartlett Community Partnership School, Contact: Peter Holtz, 978/937-8968 for an educational field trip.	\$200
B.F. Butler Middle School, Contact: Teresa Soares-Pena, 978/937-8973 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Community Christian Academy, Contact: Jennifer Najem for an educational field trip.	\$200
Greenhalge Elementary School, Contact: James Neary, 978/937-7670 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Immaculate Conception School, Contact: Catherine Fiorino, 978/454-5339 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Laura Lee Therapeutic Day School, Contact: Francisco Vicente, 978/937-7655 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Abraham Lincoln School Elementary, Contact: Ginger Coleman, 978/937-2846 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Lowell Catholic High School, Contact: Maryellen DeMarco, 978/452-1794 for an educational field trip.	\$200

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Lowell High School, Contact: Marianne Busted, 978/937-8900 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School, Contact: Margaret McDevitt, 978/656-3165 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Joseph A. McAvinnue School, Contact: Michael Ducharme, 978/937-2871 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Charles W. Morey School, Contact: Kathleen McLaughlin, 978/937-7662 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Charlotte M. Murkland Elementary School, Contact: Kevin Andriolo, 978/937-2826 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Pawtucketville Memorial School, Contact: Mathew McLean, 978/937-7667 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Joseph G. Pyne School, Contact: Wendy Crocker-Roberge, 978/937-7639 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Peter W. Reilly School, Contact: Sean Carabatsos, 978/937-7652 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Kathryn P. Stoklosa Middle School, Contact: James Cardaci, 978/275-6330 for an educational field trip.	\$200
James Sullivan Middle School, Contact: Edward Foster, 978/937-8993 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Cultural Facilities Fund	
City of Lowell Dept. of Planning & Dev., Contact: Kevin J. Murphy, 978/674-4252 to renovate bathrooms, upgrade mechanical systems, lighting, and other building repairs in the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.	\$200,000
Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Contact: Bonnie J. Butkas, 978/654-7550 for updated LED lighting and sound technology, reducing the theatre's carbon footprint and enhancing accessibility for hearing-impaired audience members.	\$35,000
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Angkor Dance Troupe, Inc., Contact: Dahvy Tran, 978/275-1823 to preserve and develop Cambodian traditional performing arts by providing in-depth arts training for young people, particularly at-risk Cambodian American youth; and to provide a safe and caring place for out-of-school time.	\$3,800
Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Contact: Tracy Reilly Ingersoll, 978/458-6529 for a "Photovoice" project to bring together youth and senior community members to empower, educate, and bond generations through photography, literacy, and public display.	\$2,500
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, Inc., Contact: Jane L. Calvin, 978/934-0030 to improve the quality of life for the people of Lowell through the creation, conservation, and preservation of parks, open spaces, and special places.	\$3,800

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Lowell Telecommunications Corporation, Contact: Wendy Blom, 978/458-5400 to train low-income teens in media arts skills by creating documentary-style video stories for broadcast on Lowell Telecommunications Corp. (LTC) channels.	\$2,500
Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Contact: Bonnie J. Butkas, 978/654-7550 to create theatrical productions at the highest level of artistic excellence and make them affordable to the broadest possible community.	\$19,400
New England Quilt Museum, Contact: Nora Burchfield, 978/452-4207 to inspire and educate the public about the art, craft and history of quilting in New England through our permanent collections, exhibitions, educational programs and outreach activities.	\$4,500
Tsongas Industrial History Center, Contact: Sheila Kirschbaum, 978/970-5080 to encourage the study of the causes and consequences of the American Industrial Revolution and to work with the University, National Park and area schools to strengthen public education in the region.	\$9,500
Festivals Program	
Mill City Grows, Inc., Contact: Lydia Sisson, 508/423-7590 for support of the Harvest Festival.	\$500
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Lowell Cultural Council, Contact: Maxine Farkas, 978-674-4260	\$64,700
STARS Residency	
Joseph G. Pyne School, Contact: Wendy Crocker-Roberge, 978/937-7639 for a school residency with Yary Livan.	\$5,000
YouthReach	
Angkor Dance Troupe, Inc., Contact: Dahvy Tran, 978/275-1823 to support vulnerable youth in their developmental process of self-identity through connecting them to their culture of origin, and to instill in them a strong goal-setting/work ethic through the demanding medium of Cambodian classical and folk dance inst	\$15,000
Town of Maynard	
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Acme Theater Productions, Inc., Contact: David Sheppard, 978/823-0003 to offer high quality theater in a fun and nurturing atmosphere, welcoming all ages, talents, and abilities to enjoy being part of a focused community to try new aspects of theater involvement, from acting and directing to design and production support.	\$3,800
Festivals Program	
Friends of Maynard Public Library, Inc., Contact: Aly Severance, 978/897-1010 for support of the 7th Annual Maynard Book Festival.	\$500
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Maynard Cultural Council, Contact: Jeffrey Swanberg, 978-793-1642	\$4,700

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Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative	
Town of Maynard, Contact: Kevin Sweet, 978/897-1301 for support of the Assabet Village Cultural District in Maynard.	\$5,000
Town of Stow	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Center School-Stow, Contact: Ross Mulkerin, 978/897-0290 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Stow Cultural Council, Contact: Jenni Edgerton, (978) 897-4514	\$4,500
Town of Tewksbury	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Tewksbury Memorial High School, Contact: Kristen Vogel, 978/640-7825 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School, Contact: Jay Harding, 978/640-7870 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Tewksbury Cultural Council, , 978/851-6206	\$8,900
Town of Tyngsborough	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Innovation Academy Charter School, Contact: Gregory Orpen, 978/649-0432 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Tyngsborough Cultural Council, , 978/649-2314	\$4,700
Town of Westford	
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Westford Cultural Council, , 508-318-8310	\$4,900
Town of Wilmington	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Wilmington High School, Contact: Linda Peters, 978/694-6060 for an educational field trip.	\$200

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Woburn Street School, Contact: Jeffrey Strasnick, 978/694-6020 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Wilmington Cultural Council, Contact: Linda Molloy, 978-657-7720	\$4,900
City of Woburn	
Artist Fellowship	
Ryan P. Casey, , 781/835-6345 for artistic professional development.	\$1,000
Fabian Gallon, , 781/866-1824 for artistic professional development.	\$1,000
Big Yellow School Bus	
Mary D. Altavesta School, Contact: Marisa Boyajian, 781/937-8235 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Clyde Reeves Elementary School, Contact: Bobbie Finocchio, 781/937-8240 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Malcolm White Elementary School, Contact: Robert Nickerson, 781/937-8242 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Wyman Elementary School, Contact: Kristen Maloney, 781/937-8243 for an educational field trip.	\$200
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Odaiko New England, Inc., Contact: Juni Kobayashi, 781/938-3786 to promote cross-cultural understanding in diverse communities, create positive images of Asian American culture, and foster enjoyment and appreciation of the taiko (Japanese drum) art form through excellence in taiko performance, education and outreach.	\$3,800
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Woburn Cultural Council, Contact: Joanne Mulkerin, 781-983-0251	\$9,800
Total for Greater Merrimack Valley	\$1,008,700