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**Natick Cultural Council** (NCC) seeks proposals for grants.

NCC is accepting proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs from September 1, 2023 to October 17, 2023. October 17, 2023 is the postmark deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of Arts, Humanities and Science projects and activities (virtual or in-person) -- including public art, exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. All applications will be considered but preference will be given to Natick based artists and organizations that provide benefit to Natick community. Preference will be given to projects that are well-planned and meet council priorities. For more information, refer to the [Natick Cultural Council](#) website.

NCC 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 Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Last year, NCC was allocated \$14,300 which it distributed in grants to projects such as, What's in your Heart, Natick? (Denise Girardin), Know your History: Natick Reimagined (Historical Society of Natick), Radical Love: A Community Movement (Smitha Radhakrishnan), Trial Educational School - ChoralTracks (Voices of MetroWest, Inc.), School Mural (Lilja Elementary School) and Get Happy! (Sound & Spirit, Inc.).

Massachusetts Cultural Council is hosting a Grant Program Information Session on **September 12, 2023 from 6:00 PM** virtually on Zoom. [Register here](#) to find out more about the program or clear any queries. For additional assistance please reach out to NCC on natickculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>.