

Applications are currently being accepted for Peabody Cultural Council's annual Art funding competition.

Applications are available online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Peabody>, click on "forms."

Amount Available for Granting in FY 2014: \$12,410

The postmark deadline for applications is October 15

Local Guidelines "Participation in the arts on the local level positively impacts community life. Cultural participation builds bridges across neighborhood, ethnicity, and class divides. And, neighborhoods with a robust cultural life are more likely to attract sustainable, livable development." From Social Impact of the Arts Project, Mark Stern and Susan Seifert, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Work (study ongoing)

The Peabody Cultural Council is proud to support public programs that create opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to explore any of the various branches of the arts, including the visual arts (drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, filmmaking), plastic arts (sculpture, ceramics, metalworking, glass working, mosaic & architecture), performing arts (Music, Theatre, Dance), and Literary arts (Poetry, and prose). It is the goal of the PCC to mobilize resources and to ensure that cultural opportunities are available and accessible to all segments of Peabody's population in order to improve their quality of life.

Application Process

Applicants must submit one original and 7 double-sided copies with any applicable back-up documentation.

Applications must include a balanced, accurate budget and a signature submitted on the proper forms.

Applications must be typed and filled in completely. Incomplete &/or unsigned applications will not be considered.

Applications without a firm date or location will not be considered. Applications for events that occur before deliberations are completed will not be considered.

Applications must be submitted by the required deadline. Applications must be time-stamped in the City Clerk's office by the close of business of the deadline date.

All applicants must comply with all of the requirements and regulations established by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Guidelines for Schools

LCC GRANTS

The council may award just one grant for each school in the City of Peabody. Two grants may be granted if schools are splitting a performer's fees.

If using a LCC Application for a cultural field trip (cost of ticket is over \$12.00) please attach a short statement listing the number of students planning on attending and the price/ticket.

FIELD TRIP GRANTS

The Council may award one field trip grant per school. Field trip grants are to be used to supplement ticket prices for students attending a cultural field trip only. The Peabody LCC does not pay for chaperones, teachers, transportation or refreshments. When submitting a Field Trip Grant Application, please write a short statement on the back of the Field Trip Application explaining what the Cultural Organization/Artist/Field Trip is about.

Eligibility for Grant

All projects that are funded will benefit the residents of Peabody and enrich the cultural well being of the community.

The project should be accessible and available to the general public.

The funds should encourage projects which have demonstrated community support.

The funds should add to existing programs and not be used to replace existing funding.

The projects should not depend solely on Cultural Council funding for an extended period of time.

Organizations and individuals may receive no more than two Cultural Council grant per year. When a meritorious grant request exceeds the funds available, the Council may give awards to those applicants who have received fewer grants in the past.

Individuals wishing monies for a scholarship without any return to the community are not eligible.

Program quality will be a major consideration in all decision making.

Organizations that are comprised of Peabody residents or are Peabody sponsored will be given priority over outside organizations.

Applicants may not use Cultural Council funds for refreshments or for transportation to an event.

Grants may not be transferred to another field trip/cultural event. Failure to use the grant funds for the requested field trip/cultural event as listed on your application will result in forfeiture of those funds and may result in the loss of future funding.

Reconsideration

An applicant who is aggrieved by a decision of the Peabody Cultural Council may ask the Council, in written form, to reconsider a decision on one or all of the following grounds:

- (1) Failure to consider significant information;
- (2) Treatment substantially different from other organizations; and
- (3) Failure to make grants in conformity with guidelines. No reconsideration may be made on the amount awarded or any decision as to artistic quality.

Applicants requesting reconsideration of the Council's decision must do so, in writing, to the Peabody Cultural Council, 24 Lowell St., Peabody, MA 01960 within fifteen (15) days of receipt of application denial.

Reimbursement

Applicants who receive grants have one year to expend funds upon receipt of written approval. If it is anticipated that the funded project will be incomplete at the end of one year, the applicant may apply to the Peabody Cultural Council, in writing, for an extension of up to but not to exceed, one (1) year.