

MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Fiscal Year 2021 Grants as of April 14, 2021

<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant</i>
The Berkshires	
<i>Town of Adams</i>	
<i>Festivals - Fall/Winter</i>	
Adams Agricultural Fair, Inc. to support Adams Agricultural Fair with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
Live Music Alliance to support Jazz in July Festival with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Sch. for a fully remote school residency with Malia'Kekia Nicolini of B4 Other Creations in devised theatre.	\$5,000
<i>Town of Becket</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Lara Tupper for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inc. to support dance creation, presentation, education, and preservation; and to engage and deepen public appreciation and support for dance.	\$48,100
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Becket Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>Town of Dalton</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Dalton Cultural Council	\$6,400
<i>Town of Egremont</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Alford-Egremont Cultural Council	\$9,600
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
South Egremont School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to conduct explorations in science and art.	\$5,000

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Town of Great Barrington	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Susan L. Smith for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Aston Magna Foundation for Music & Hum. to enrich the appreciation of music of the past and the understanding of the cultural, political, and social contexts in which it was composed and experienced; to reach a larger public through the use of historical instruments and practices in performances, recordings, workshops, and through innovative interdisciplinary educational programs.	\$6,900
Berkshire Choral International to enhance the skills of choral singers while extending the knowledge and appreciation of choral singing and its tradition to singers and audiences.	\$23,300
Berkshire Opera Festival, Inc. for a project celebrating 100 years of the passage of the 19th Amendment and MA-native Susan B. Anthony's role in the fight for women's suffrage through a virtual, world premiere of a new song cycle from composer Steven Mark Kohn: "The Trial of Susan B."	\$2,500
Berkshire Pulse, Inc. to build and strengthen community life through diverse and accessible programming in performing, movement and creative arts.	\$8,600
Close Encounters with Music, Inc. to engage the imagination of diverse concert audiences through thematic chamber music with commentary, connecting listeners to performers and composers, fostering the excitement of live performance arts.	\$4,600
Community Access to the Arts, Inc. to lessen the stigma of difference and disability through shared experiences in the visual and performing arts by providing multidisciplinary arts programs for individuals with physical, emotional, and/or mental disabilities in an integrative environment with the community at large.	\$12,700
Flying Cloud Institute, Inc. to promote creative thinking and learning in children from grade school through high school by providing unique experiences in the arts and sciences that augment today's teaching methodologies and inspire kids to express themselves.	\$9,100
Great Barrington Public Theater to present "Berkshire Outdoor Shorts," an online series of short, solo films centered on the natural environment of the Berkshires.	\$2,500
The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. to support year-round programming at this multi-disciplinary presenting venue in southern Berkshire County.	\$24,900
The Orion Society to invite readers into a community of caring for the planet through writing and art that explore the connection between nature and culture.	\$15,900

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<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i>	
Berkshire Opera Festival, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs or current mortgage payments, mortgage interest or rent or utilities or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$79,000
Close Encounters with Music, Inc. for utilities or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$57,000
The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$100,000
<i>CultureRx</i>	
Community Access to the Arts, Inc. to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$9,000
<i>Festivals - Fall/Winter</i>	
Berkshire South Reg. Community Center to support Berkshire South Summer Arts & Crafts Festival with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
<i>Gaming Mitigation</i>	
The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, Inc. to mitigate operation of gaming facilities that threaten the sustainability of non-profit and municipal performing arts centers in Massachusetts by providing capital to preserve their ability to compete in an unbalanced marketplace.	\$67,197
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Great Barrington Cultural Council	\$5,100
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Great Barrington Cultural District to support artist performances within downtown Great Barrington through the Berkshire Busk project, and to invest in marketing and placemaking efforts.	\$7,500
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
W.E.B. Du Bois Regional Middle School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to explore science and art.	\$5,000
Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to explore science and art.	\$5,000

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<i>YouthReach</i>	
Berkshire Pulse, Inc. to provide dance, world music and performing arts instruction after school and during summer breaks for at-risk youth in Southern Berkshire County.	\$20,000
<i>Town of Hinsdale</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council	\$9,600
<i>Town of Lanesborough</i>	
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Lanesborough Elementary School for a fully remote school residency with Dale Abrams of Mass Audubon in earth and life science.	\$5,000
<i>Town of Lee</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Lee Cultural Council	\$5,300
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Lee Middle/High School for a fully remote school residency with Aimee Gelinias of Tamarack Hollow in folkloric drum & song.	\$3,050
<i>Town of Lenox</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Yevgeny Kutik for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Mary Jo D. Maichack for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Patricia McCormack for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Lavonne Roberts for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500

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<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Shakespeare & Company, Inc. to create a theater of excellence offering performances of classical and new works and generating opportunities for collaboration between actors and directors from all different backgrounds; to provide unique in-depth classical training and performance methods to theatre professionals; to transform the way in which Shakespeare is taught both in and after school through high-impact residencies, workshops and performances that are dynamic, intellectually challenging and emotionally engaging.	\$37,800
WAM Theatre, Inc. to produce theatrical events with a focus on women theatre artists and stories about women and girls.	\$6,100
Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc. to celebrate the intellectual, artistic, and humanitarian legacy of Edith Wharton through interpretive and cultural programs, and preservation of Wharton estate.	\$23,300
<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i>	
Shakespeare & Company, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs or interest on other debt obligations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$100,000
WAM Theatre, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$54,000
<i>CultureRx</i>	
Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$8,200
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Lenox Cultural Council	\$4,900
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Lenox Cultural District to engage and entertain district patrons, and support district stakeholders by producing programming focused on music, visual arts, and cultural heritage.	\$7,500
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Morris Elementary School for a fully remote school residency with Zach Adams of Mass Audubon in earth and life science.	\$5,000
<i>Universal Participation</i>	
WAM Theatre, Inc. for participating in Innovation and Learning Network workshops.	\$3,000

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<i>YouthReach</i> Shakespeare & Company, Inc. for adjudicated youth in the Berkshire County Juvenile Courts system to rehearse and perform a Shakespeare play instead of incarceration or community service, helping the young people develop more consistent positive behaviors.	\$20,000
<i>Town of Monterey</i> <i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i> The Bidwell House, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs or utilities or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$22,000
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i> Monterey Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>Town of Mount Washington</i> <i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i> Mount Washington Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>Town of New Marlborough</i> <i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i> Caryn King for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i> Berkshire Bach Society for general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$42,000
<i>Festivals - Fall/Winter</i> New Marlborough Cultural Council to support Elihu Burritt Day with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i> New Marlborough Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i> New Marlborough Central School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to explore science and art.	\$5,000

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<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant</i>
City of North Adams	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Ralph D. Brill for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Julia Dixon for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Nathaniel W. Massari for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Chalice Elizabeth Mitchell for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
The Artist Book Foundation to support a project to gain greater understanding in the treatment and application of Art Therapy in assisting Veterans with recovery and management of PTSD.	\$2,500
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art to be a multi-disciplinary platform for creating, presenting, and distributing the best art of our time, and a catalyst for economic development that benefits the region with jobs, a diversified commercial base and spin-off opportunities.	\$60,000
Cultural Organization Economic Recovery	
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art for employee payroll and benefit costs, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$100,000
CultureRx	
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$8,000
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire	\$72,500
Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative	
North Adams Cultural District to commission a "selfie" mural in the heart of the cultural district to serve as lasting, vibrant, inexpensive marketing tool for the district.	\$7,500
STARS Residency	
Brayton Elementary School for a fully remote school residency with MASS MoCA and Kidspace artist Wendy Red Star in visual arts.	\$1,450

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Colegrove Park Elementary for a fully remote school residency with MASS MoCA and Kidspace artist Wendy Red Star in visual art.	\$1,450
YouthReach	
Northern Berkshire Community Coalition to assist young writers to develop their creative work with the guidance of expert staff through participation in weekly writing sessions, and to provide the opportunity to publish their work and share it in public readings.	\$20,000
Town of Otis	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Bruce Mandel for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Triple Shadow, Inc. to create films and perform theater with live music, video, masks, acting, dance and puppetry.	\$4,500
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Otis Cultural Council	\$4,800
STARS Residency	
Farmington River Regional School Dist. for a fully remote school residency with Zach Adams of Mass Audubon in earth and life science.	\$3,450
City of Pittsfield	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Carl A. Bowlby for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Robert E. Heck for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Kevin Lallatin for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Michael Rousseau for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Lucy R. Sacco for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500

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<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Barrington Stage Company, Inc. to produce top-notch, compelling work; to develop new plays and musicals; and find fresh, bold ways of bringing new audiences into the theater.	\$38,300
Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative to support a series of online workshops on creating and selling film and literary projects with Hollywood producer, literary manager and author Marilyn Atlas.	\$2,500
The Berkshire Historical Society, Inc. to collect, preserve, and disseminate the history of Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and to use its collections for research, exhibition, education, and loan, including its principal artifact, Arrowhead, home of Herman Melville.	\$5,200
The Berkshire Music School, Inc. to foster the love and pursuit of music for all ages through quality music education activities, community collaborations, and performance opportunities.	\$10,600
Berkshire Theatre Festival, Inc. to support wide ranging artistic exploration and acclaimed performances in theatre, dance, music and entertainment.	\$36,500
Center for EcoTechnology, Inc. to research, develop, demonstrate, and promote those technologies with the least disruptive impact on the natural ecology of the Earth; to provide programs that advance public understanding of the impacts of human actions on the natural environment, and introduce practical solutions, both technological and behavioral, to minimize those impacts.	\$44,900
Hancock Shaker Village, Inc. to bring the Shaker story to life and preserve it for future generations.	\$22,900
Kids 4 Harmony to effect social change through music education. Students receive instruction in a supportive environment that fosters confidence, discipline, teamwork, pride, aspiration, and community engagement experiences, defying the stereotypes of who belongs in classical music.	\$3,500
The Stockbridge Sinfonia, Inc. to support a concert of chamber works performed by students and adults of The Stockbridge Sinfonia, an intergenerational community orchestra in the Berkshires.	\$1,000
<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i>	
Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative for employee payroll and benefit costs or current mortgage payments, mortgage interest or rent or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$16,500
The Berkshire Music School, Inc. for employee payroll and benefit costs, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$50,000

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<i>CultureRx</i>	
Berkshire Theatre Festival, Inc. to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$9,000
<i>Festivals - Fall/Winter</i>	
The Berkshire Music School, Inc. to support Berkshire Music School International Music Festival with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
Word X Word, Inc. to support Word X Word Festival with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
<i>Gaming Mitigation</i>	
Barrington Stage Company, Inc. to mitigate operation of gaming facilities that threaten the sustainability of non-profit and municipal performing arts centers in Massachusetts by providing capital to preserve their ability to compete in an unbalanced marketplace.	\$3,607
Berkshire Theatre Festival, Inc. to mitigate operation of gaming facilities that threaten the sustainability of non-profit and municipal performing arts centers in Massachusetts by providing capital to preserve their ability to compete in an unbalanced marketplace.	\$7,196
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Pittsfield Cultural Council	\$37,200
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Upstreet Cultural District to revamp the Cultural District's website DiscoverPittsfield.com.	\$7,500
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Silvio O. Conte Community School for a fully remote school residency after school residency with the Berkshire Museum to explore the scientific process of forensics educators.	\$4,250
Crosby Elementary School for a fully remote school residency with Dale Abrams of Mass Audubon in earth and life science.	\$5,000
Theodore Herberg Middle School for an after school residency with the Berkshire Museum to bust myths through the scientific process.	\$2,250

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Morningside Community School for a fully remote school residency with MASS MoCA and Kidspace artist Wendy Red Star in visual arts.	\$2,650
Pittsfield High School for a fully remote school residency with Max Galdos-Shapiro of Mass Audubon in environmental science.	\$1,250
John T. Reid Middle School for a fully remote after school residency with Berkshire Museum in the museum process of exhibition design.	\$4,250
YouthReach	
18 Degrees, Inc. to provide opportunities for children to succeed and grow to their full potential through musical study and accomplishment in a supportive environment fostering confidence, discipline, teamwork, pride, aspiration, and community engagement.	\$20,000
Barrington Stage Company, Inc. for an intensive out-of-school activity to use theatre as a catalyst to help at-risk youth, ages 13 to 19, learn valuable life skills that can aid them in developing positive self-images.	\$20,000
Town of Richmond	
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Richmond Cultural Council	\$4,800
STARS Residency	
Richmond Consolidated School for a fully in-person school residency with Aimee Gelinias of Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center to explore drumming and dance as an athletic and character building experience.	\$4,450
Town of Sandisfield	
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Sandisfield Cultural Council	\$4,800
Town of Sheffield	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Wanda L. Houston for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
Festivals - Fall/Winter	
Sheffield Historical Society, Inc. to support Mum Bett Walk to Freedom & Exhibit with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500

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<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant</i>
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Sheffield Cultural Council	\$4,900
STARS Residency	
Mount Everett Middle and High School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to explore science and art.	\$5,000
Undermountain Elementary School for a fully in-person school residency with Flying Cloud Institute to conduct explorations in science and art.	\$5,000
Town of Stockbridge	
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
The Berkshire Botanical Garden to fulfill the community's need for information, education and inspiration concerning the art and science of gardening and the preservation of our local environment.	\$3,500
Chesterwood Museum and Estate to preserve the site and its collections; present the life and artistic achievements of D.C. French; and foster public appreciation and interest in sculpture and the philosophies and benefits of historic preservation.	\$11,500
IS183 Art School of the Berkshires to enrich the communities of Berkshire County by encouraging creativity and self expression year-round through exploration in the visual arts, for all ages, means, and abilities.	\$10,800
The Norman Rockwell Museum to present, preserve and study the art of illustration and serve as a resource for reflection, involvement, and discovery inspired by Norman Rockwell and the power of visual images to shape and reflect society.	\$42,800
Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives to support a virtual evening of music, followed by a question and answer session with the musicians.	\$1,000
CultureRx	
The Norman Rockwell Museum to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$9,000
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Stockbridge Cultural Council	\$4,800
Town of Tyringham	
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Tyringham Cultural Council	\$4,800

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<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant</i>
<i>Town of Washington</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Washington Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>Town of West Stockbridge</i>	
<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i>	
West Stockbridge Historical Society for utilities or interest on other debt obligations or general operations, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$15,000
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
West Stockbridge Cultural Council	\$4,800
<i>Town of Williamstown</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Laura Christensen for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,500
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute to advance scholarship and extend the public understanding of art.	\$60,000
Images Cinema to present a wide range of independent, foreign, and classic films that impact filmmaking and our culture; to explore film as an art form, a source of entertainment, and an educational tool.	\$9,200
Williams College Museum of Art to make dynamic art experiences that incite new thinking about art, museums, and the world.	\$15,000
Williamstown Theatre Festival to produce classic and new works with distinction, offer emerging theater artists exceptional opportunities, and create and sustain programs that have the potential to serve a diverse community.	\$37,800
<i>Cultural Organization Economic Recovery</i>	
Images Cinema for employee payroll and benefit costs or current mortgage payments, mortgage interest or rent, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$67,000

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Williamstown Theatre Festival for employee payroll and benefit costs or current mortgage payments, mortgage interest or rent or utilities, as documented by the Contractor in the grant application, to support recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.	\$100,000
<i>CultureRx</i>	
Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute to increase the connectedness of the arts, social services, and healthcare by offering the option of social prescription/referral to patients and connecting them to cultural partners.	\$7,000
<i>Gaming Mitigation</i>	
Williamstown Theatre Festival to mitigate operation of gaming facilities that threaten the sustainability of non-profit and municipal performing arts centers in Massachusetts by providing capital to preserve their ability to compete in an unbalanced marketplace.	\$12,080
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Williamstown Cultural District to support local artists and cultural institutions centered around the Spring Street and Water Street area.	\$7,500
<i>Town of Windsor</i>	
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Ctr. to support a hands-on culturally diverse opportunity for the public to experience traditional music from West Africa in both a class and presentation format at the Windsor Town Park in Windsor, MA.	\$2,500
<i>Festivals - Fall/Winter</i>	
Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Ctr. to support Spring Drum and Dance Fest featuring M'Bemba Bangoura with the production, promotion and/or development of festival audiences.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Windsor Cultural Council	\$4,800
Total for The Berkshires	\$2,160,180