

MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

RESOLUTIONS

Section 2- Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Meeting of the Mass Cultural Council

Section 11- FY24 Spending Plan and Grants Recommendations

WHEREAS, the General Court of the Massachusetts State Legislature has appropriated, and the Governor has signed into law, a budget of \$25,895,000 to the Mass Cultural Council for FY24; AND

WHEREAS Mass Cultural Council staff has presented a draft FY24 budget and spending plan to the Executive Committee at its meeting on August 4, 2023;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee reviewed said plan and recommended that it be forwarded to the Council for approval;

WHEREAS Council staff presented the Plan to the Mass Cultural Council at its meeting on August 24, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED: To approve the Plan as recommended by the Council Meeting subject to the further approvals of the individual grant and program recommendations below; and

WHEREAS Council staff presented the FY24 grants recommendations to the Grants Committee at its meeting on August 4, 2023 ("Grants Committee Meeting");

WHEREAS the Grants Committee recommended to the full Council the allocation of the grants presented at the Grants Committee Meeting;

WHEREAS the Grants Committee reviewed procedures of grant allocations and recommended that the Council approve the same;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

Organizations

RESOLVED: To approve allocations to the Cultural Investment Portfolio and CIP Gateway programs as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting for an aggregate total of \$6,990,300.

RESOLVED: To approve \$100,000 in Media Transition Grants to 5 public media companies, as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve of the fourth cycle of the Gaming Mitigation Program as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

Communities

RESOLVED: To approve up to \$855,000 in Cultural District grants as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve an allocation to the Local Cultural Councils totaling \$5,500,000 as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

Arts Education & Youth

RESOLVED: To approve grant allocations to YouthReach program in the amount of \$1,870,000, as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve allocations of \$1,428,100 to the STARS program, as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve the following grants- \$30,416 to the Youth Arts Impact Network with EdVestors, \$20,000 in support of the NEA-funded Poetry Out Loud program and continued grant funding of the Instrument Library in the amount of \$15,000, all as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

Equity and Inclusion

RESOLVED: To approve the Projects/Festivals program with a grant allocation of \$1,850,000 as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve \$480,000 in UP Innovation Fund Grants, as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of \$175,000 to Art Pharmacy for continuation of the CultureRx Social Prescription program as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve Council a \$62,500 grant to Arts Connect International for continuing the Cultural Equity Learning Community (CELC) 2.0 teaching course in FY24, a \$70,000 grant to ArtsBoston acting on behalf of the Network Arts Administrators of Color, a \$5,000 grant to the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs for support of its Truth Commission project and a \$20,000 grant for an organization to be selected to scale up the UP Innovation Learning Network program, all as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

Advancement

RESOLVED: To approve a grant to Mass Humanities totaling \$943,608, a grant to Mass Creative for \$33,000 and a grant to NEFA of \$70,000, all as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

Individuals

RESOLVED: To approve the funding of the Apprentice Grants program in the amount of \$180,000 as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve a grant allocation of \$1,875,000 for up to 375 grants of \$5,000 as part of the new FY24 Individual Creativity Grants Program as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve continuation of the Cultural Sector Recovery Grants for Individuals program in FY24, using whatever leftover Pandemic Recovery Funds are determined to be available by staff, for further grants under the program, as recommended by the Grants Committee and presented to this meeting.