

MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Fiscal Year 2020 Grants

<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant</i>
Franklin County	
Town of Ashfield	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Sanderson Academy School, Contact: Emma Liebowitz, 413/628-4404 for an educational field trip.	\$250
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Ed Branson, , 413/625-2933 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Double Edge Theatre Productions, Inc., Contact: Stacy Klein, 413/628-0277 to develop and promote the highest quality of original theatre performance, based on the principle of long-term imaginative work of the actor and his/her interaction with the communities in which the work takes place, and to create at its home, "The Farm," located in Ashfield, MA, a permanent center of performance, practice, training, research and cultural exchange which elevates the understanding of artistic expression and cultural mutuality between artists and their communities.	\$15,350
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Ashfield Cultural Council, Contact: Louise Neidle, 413-628-4441	\$4,800
STARS Residency	
Sanderson Academy School, Contact: Emma Liebowitz, 413/628-4404 for a residency about the culture of local indigenous groups through participatory experience with Jennifer Lee.	\$5,000
Town of Bernardston	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Bernardston Elementary School, Contact: Kelly Carriere, 413/648-9356 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Bernardston Cultural Council, Contact: Kristina Costello, 978-413-3078	\$4,800
Town of Charlemont	
COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals	
Holly L. Gettings, , 617/864-0227 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Charlemont-Hawley Cultural Council, Contact: Tinky Weisblat, 413/339-4747	\$9,600

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<i>STARS Residency</i> Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, Contact: Lindsay Rodriguez, 413/339-8316 for a school residency in theater with Jonathan Mirin of Piti Theater for Third Grade with Piti Theatre Company.	\$4,900
<i>Town of Colrain</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i> Colrain Central School, Contact: Amy Looman, 413/624-3451 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Festivals</i> Musica Franklin, Inc., Contact: Vicki Citron, 617/610-2601 for support of Fun Fest or to mitigate lost revenue in the event of cancellation due to COVID- 19.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i> Colrain Cultural Council, Contact: Inge Jockers, 413-625-5155	\$4,800
<i>SerHacer</i> Musica Franklin, Inc., Contact: Vicki Citron, 617/610-2601 to support an immersive after-school music ensemble program for at-risk students, teaching self-control and focus through the discipline of playing in an ensemble.	\$26,000
<i>STARS Residency</i> Colrain Central School, Contact: Amy Looman, 413/624-3451 to create a musical with inspired by local history in Colrain with Jonathan Mirin, Piti Theatre Company.	\$3,100
<i>Town of Conway</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i> Erin L. McKeown, , 413/210-1700 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Roxanne H. Parent, , 413/625-2253 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Andrew Sovjani, , 413/329-6532 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i> Conway Cultural Council, Contact: Gisele Litalien, 413/625-6656	\$4,800

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<i>Town of Deerfield</i>	
<i>Cultural Facilities Fund</i>	
Historic Deerfield, Inc., Contact: Philip Zea, 413/774-5581 for the renovation of a historic home to become administrative and program space.	\$200,000
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
Historic Deerfield, Inc., Contact: Philip Zea, 413/774-5581 to support the heritage and preservation of Deerfield, Massachusetts and the Connecticut River Valley, with museums and programs that provide today's audiences with an understanding and appreciation of New England's historic villages and countryside.	\$48,650
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Contact: Timothy C. Neumann, 413/774-7476 to collect, preserve, and interpret the multicultural history of the Deerfield and Connecticut River Valleys by maintaining a museum, crafts program, and research library, and by publishing and presenting educational, cultural, and artistic programs.	\$18,250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Deerfield Cultural Council, Contact: Julie Cavacco, 413/665-1400	\$5,200
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Bement School, Contact: Christopher Wilson, 413/774-7061 for a week-long school residency by graphic novelist Justin Hansen on visual storytelling with Justin Hansen.	\$5,000
Deerfield Elementary School, Contact: Tina-Lynn Gemme, 413/665-1131 To exploring weather and climate and designing solutions to climate challenges with Ted Watt, Hitchcock Center for the Environment.	\$2,600
<i>Town of Erving</i>	
<i>Cultural Investment Projects</i>	
Erving Public Library, Contact: Barbara Friedman for a music performance series.	\$2,500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Erving Cultural Council, Contact: Marcia Bernard, 413-422-2800	\$4,800
<i>Town of Gill</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Four Winds School, Contact: Becca Lipton, 413/863-8055 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Gill Elementary School, Contact: CONOR DRISCOLL, 413/863-3255 for an educational field trip.	\$250

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Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Gill Cultural Council, Contact: Lynda Hodsdon Mayo, 413 863-9347	\$4,800
Town of Greenfield	
Artist Fellowship	
Kelly Popoff, , 413/834-1826 for artistic professional development.	\$15,000
Big Yellow School Bus	
Discovery School at Four Corners, Contact: Jacob Toomey, 413/772-1378 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Four Rivers Charter School, Contact: Peter Garbus, 413/775-4577 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Greenfield High School, Contact: Karin Patenaude, 413/772-1350 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Newton Elementary School, Contact: Melodie Goodwin, 413/772-1370 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Cultural Investment Portfolio	
Pioneer Valley Symphony, Inc., Contact: Elizabeth Pangburn, 413/773-3664 to serve the Pioneer Valley through music in three ways: by performing symphonic and choral music, by providing members of the community the opportunity to participate in making music, and, through music education, particularly by introducing children to live orchestral music.	\$7,450
Cultural Investment Projects	
The Nolumbeka Project, Inc., Contact: David Brule, 413/773-9818 for a gathering to celebrate Native American Art, Music, and Cultures.	\$2,500
Voices From Inside, Contact: Gretchen Krull, 413/268-7432 for a project to collaboratively produce a play entitled 'What Our Voices Carry' and an accompanying book of portraits of women in our Voices Carry Program as a way of celebrating our 20th anniversary.	\$2,500
Festival Audience Lab	
The Nolumbeka Project, Inc., Contact: David Brule, 413/773-9818 for the development, implementation, and analysis of a marketing test in connection with participation in the Mass Cultural Council Festival Audience Lab.	\$2,000
Festivals	
Eggtooth Productions, Inc., Contact: Linda McInerney, 413/522-1445 for a festival celebrating difference.	\$500
Human Error Publishing, Contact: Paul Richmond, 978/544-8784 for a festival celebrating the word arts- poetry, storytelling, playwriting, and word-based performance.	\$500

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The Nolumbeka Project, Inc., Contact: David Brule, 413/773-9818 for support of Pocumtuck Homelands Festival or to mitigate lost revenue in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19.	\$500
Second Congregational Church, Contact: Jenni Brown, 413/774-4355 for support of Greenfield Bee Fest: Celebrating Lorenzo Langstroth or to mitigate lost revenue in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19.	\$500
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Greenfield Local Cultural Council, Contact: Linda McInerney, 413-522-1445	\$14,200
Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative	
Crossroads Cultural District, Contact: Rachael Katz, 413/475-1210 to support four main funding priorities for FY2020, Hive Holiday Makers' Market, Beatrice the Bee, Fall Festival and arts-focused maker space The Hive, as well as participation in Fair Saturday 2019.	\$6,000
STARS Residency	
Discovery School at Four Corners, Contact: Jacob Toomey, 413/772-1378 for a school residency in the visual arts with mixed media artist Sarah Ahearn Bellemare with Sarah Ahearn Bellemare.	\$5,000
Greenfield Commonwealth Virtual School, Contact: Bob Kumin, 413/475-3879 for a school residency in visual arts and engineering with Jay Mankita of Playful Engineers with Jay Mankita, Playful Engineers.	\$2,500
Town of Heath	
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Heath Cultural Council, Contact: Suzanne Hannay, 4133375727	\$4,800
Town of Leverett	
Big Yellow School Bus	
Leverett Elementary School, Contact: Rhonda Cohen, 413/548-9144 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Local Cultural Council Allocation	
Leverett Cultural Council, Contact: Susan Mulholland, 413/548-9161	\$4,800
STARS Residency	
Leverett Elementary School, Contact: Rhonda Cohen, 413/548-9144 for a school residency in performing arts with John Porcino, Storyteller/Musician with John Porcino.	\$4,900

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<i>Town of Leyden</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Leyden Cultural Council, Contact: Rhonda Wainshilbaum, 413-6245175	\$4,800
<i>Town of Montague</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Sheffield Elementary School, Contact: Melissa Pitrat, 413/863-9326 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Briar Lake, , 978/761-8864 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Brian Paulding, , 508/685-6681 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
<i>Cultural Investment Projects</i>	
Silverthorne Theater Company, Inc., Contact: Lucinda Kidder, 413/768-7514 to present original short plays penned by regional playwrights.	\$2,500
<i>Festivals</i>	
Friends of Great Falls Discovery Center, Contact: Lora Wondolowski, 413/863-3221 for support of Family Fishing Day or to mitigate lost revenue in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Montague Cultural Council, Contact: Rachel Teumim, 512-466-6052	\$6,300
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Turners Falls Cultural District, Contact: Suzanne LoManto, 413/835-1390 to support the Turners Falls Park Series which includes nature, art, and Native American history programming, in addition to family-friendly outdoor movies and live music all within the boundaries of the District.	\$5,000
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Hillcrest Elementary School, Contact: Sarah Burstein, 413/863-9526 for a school residency in personal narrative writing with John Porcino, Storyteller/Musician with John Porcino.	\$2,200
<i>YouthReach</i>	
Brick House Community Resource Center, Contact: Kwamane Harris, 413/863-9576 to support youth ages 11-18 in developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills, connecting to their local community through the practice, display, and sale of multi-disciplinary arts, team service projects, and youth recognition events.	\$26,000

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<i>Town of New Salem</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Swift River School-New Salem, Contact: Kelley Sullivan, 978/544-6926 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Cultural Investment Portfolio</i>	
1794 Meetinghouse, Inc., Contact: Brad Foster, 413/335-3489 to restore and preserve the 1794 Meetinghouse as a performing arts center and produce cultural programs that engage, entertain, and educate people of all ages in the North Quabbin region.	\$6,750
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
New Salem Cultural Council, Contact: Monica Winters, 978/544-6437	\$4,800
<i>Town of Northfield</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Northfield Elementary School, Contact: Megan Desmarais, 413/498-5842 for an educational field trip.	\$250
Pioneer Valley Regional School, Contact: Kevin Burke, 413/498-2931 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Northfield Cultural Council, Contact: Gretchen Licata, 413/498-2648	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Northfield Elementary School, Contact: Megan Desmarais, 413/498-5842 for a school residency in engineering/design challenges with Helen Ann Sephton, Hitchcock Center with Helen Ann Sephton, Hitchcock Center for the Environment.	\$4,400
<i>Town of Orange</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School, Contact: Scott Hemlin, 978/544-2542 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Orange Cultural Council, Contact: Judy Bisinger, 978-575-0309	\$7,300
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Fisher Hill Elementary School, Contact: Chris Dodge, 978/544-0018 for a week of creative dancing with the kindergarteners of the Fisher Hill School with Anna Hendricks, Great Falls Creative Movement.	\$2,300

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Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School, Contact: Scott Hemlin, 978/544-2542 for a school residency in arts integration and humanities for Grade 7 classrooms with Anna Sobel, Enchanted Circle Theater.	\$4,400
<i>Town of Rowe</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Rowe Elementary School, Contact: William Knittle, 413/512-5100 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Rowe Cultural Council, , 413/339-5520	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Rowe Elementary School, Contact: William Knittle, 413/512-5100 for outdoor science explorations, experiments, and field trips with Ted Watt, Hitchcock Center for the Environment.	\$3,900
<i>Town of Shelburne</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary, Contact: Joanne Giguere, 413/625-2521 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Louise M. Collins, , 518/248-6971 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Emily F. Gwynn, , 413/489-0033 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
Jonathan S. Mirin, , 413/625-6569 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
<i>Cultural Investment Projects</i>	
Piti Theatre Company, Contact: Jonathan S. Mirin, 413/625-6569 for a festival to feature theatre, art, interactive history exhibits, dino-themed food, and related events.	\$2,500
<i>CultureRx</i>	
The Art Garden, Inc., Contact: Jane Beatrice Wegscheider, 413/625-2782 to support introductory visual arts workshops for Shelburne Falls area foster families at the Art Garden.	\$1,000
Piti Theatre Company, Contact: Jonathan S. Mirin, 413/625-6569 to support a Storytelling workshop for local social workers and upcoming Sibling Saturday visits.	\$1,050

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<i>Festivals</i>	
Piti Theatre Company, Contact: Jonathan S. Mirin, 413/625-6569 for support of SYRUP: One Sweet Family Festival or to mitigate lost revenue in the event of cancellation due to COVID-19.	\$500
Piti Theatre Company, Contact: Jonathan S. Mirin, 413/625-6569 for a DinoFest celebration of Greenfield's local history.	\$500
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Buckland Cultural Council, , 4135223587	\$4,800
Shelburne Cultural Council, Contact: Connie Clarke, 413 625 9913	\$4,800
<i>Massachusetts Cultural Districts Initiative</i>	
Shelburne Falls Cultural District, Contact: Whit B. Sanford, 413/625-2526 to support the annual classic events in the village in 2020 – Bridge Dinner and BOF Road Race in August, and Moonlight Magic in November.	\$5,000
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary, Contact: Joanne Giguere, 413/625-2521 for K-2nd school residency with music educator Sarah Pirtle using songs to develop social skills with Sarah Pirtle, Discovery Center.	\$2,200
Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Contact: Michael Buoniconti, 413/625-0192 for a beginner's ceramics class at Molly Cantor's pottery studio with Molly Cantor.	\$1,700
<i>YouthReach</i>	
The Art Garden, Inc., Contact: Jane Beatrice Wegscheider, 413/625-2782 to support teens in developing skills for a lifelong journey as artists, so they can become contributing members of their communities.	\$26,000
<i>Town of Shutesbury</i>	
<i>Artist Fellowship</i>	
Ann Ward, , 413/210-4138 for artistic professional development.	\$15,000
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Shutesbury Elementary School, Contact: Jacqueline Mendonsa, 413/259-1212 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Shutesbury Cultural Council, Contact: Rory Valentine, 413-259-1204	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Shutesbury Elementary School, Contact: Jacqueline Mendonsa, 413/259-1212 for a residency with Ted Watt, Hitchcock Center for the Environment, to explore in nature, looking for and solving design challenges, and transferring these to human needs.	\$5,000

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<i>Town of Sunderland</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Meegan Schreiber, , 860/335-8559 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Sunderland Cultural Council, Contact: Peter Lacey, 413/665-3198	\$5,200
<i>Town of Warwick</i>	
<i>COVID-19 Relief Fund for Individuals</i>	
Kathleen E. Litchfield, , 413/522-0358 for support of losses due to COVID-19.	\$1,000
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Warwick Cultural Council, Contact: Beth Gilgun, 978/544-8304	\$4,800
<i>STARS Residency</i>	
Warwick Community School, Contact: Christine Mullen, 978/544-6310 for an after-school club where students work on their theater and improv skills with Jonathan Mirin with Piti Theatre Company.	\$2,400
<i>Town of Wendell</i>	
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Wendell Cultural Council, Contact: Phyllis Lawrence, 413-367-2175	\$4,800
<i>Town of Whately</i>	
<i>Big Yellow School Bus</i>	
Whately Elementary School, Contact: Kristina Kirton, 413/665-7826 for an educational field trip.	\$250
<i>Local Cultural Council Allocation</i>	
Whately Cultural Council, , 413 665-4400	\$4,800
Total for Franklin County	\$653,450