

What is the Sterling Cultural Council Grant Process?

Each year volunteers who are members of the town Cultural Council are responsible for reviewing grant applications and dispersing funds to support the creative, cultural sector as well as science, history, and arts programs.

Who can apply? Anyone who has an idea for programming that benefits the cultural life of Sterling. Organizations may apply.

When does the grant cycle begin? September 1, 2023

What are the deadlines? October 17, 2023

When would I hear back? January 2024

How do I apply? Online through Massachusetts Cultural Council Website. See LOCAL.



massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-program/application-process/

How hard is it to do? The format includes describing your idea, event, program and writing a budget for expected expenses. In all it is 5 pages.

What are the requirements to apply? Anyone who is eager to provide a cultural experience for the people of Sterling may apply. Teen applicants are invited. We recommend that teen applicants name an adult advisor. Organizations may apply. The experience must be open to all Sterling residents. Churches can apply but must promote the activity to all townspeople and cannot use the funds to proselytize.

Do I need to be a Sterling Resident to apply? No, but you need to offer the program for Sterling residents and secure a venue in Sterling.

What are some examples of past grant awards? Artist in residence, Gallery show in an historic schoolhouse, Ecology education program, History presenter, Support for Community Theater, Music Concerts, Meditation Series for Cancer Patients, gardening project, museum support.

Note that Cultural Council members have a grant review process in November and December each year and select from those applications submitted on the MA Cultural Council website.

If you have questions or difficulty applying contact one of the Sterling Cultural Council members for help. If you want to see a sample grant, just email: Doherty_bwp@yahoo.com or ccofsterling@comcast.net.

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