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## SPENCER CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 17

The Spencer Cultural Council has set an October 17 deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a wide variety of artistic projects and activities in Spencer -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

New this year, anyone seeking funding is required to submit applications through an online form available at [mass-culture.org/spencer](http://mass-culture.org/spencer). Click the "Apply Now" tab.

Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

The Spencer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Spencer Cultural Council will distribute about \$6,100 in grants.

For more information about the Council or the application process, contact Spencer Cultural Council at 774-479-8797. More information about the Local Cultural Council Program can be found at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).

The Spencer Cultural Council is actively seeking new members. Volunteers meet several times a year to distribute funds in support of programs that enhance our community. Anyone interested in serving is invited to complete a volunteer application form on the town website or to contact the town clerk.