

Carver Cultural Council Meeting Minutes
Oct. 22, 2020
Shurtleff Park

Attendance : Dan Badger, Janet O'Connor, Gail Nauen
Jim Philip, Cathy Stacy

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

- Review and approve minutes of September 23, 2020.
- Dan Badger brought up discussion of potential use of 155 Plymouth St., North Carver (the old Feed store). This property is owned by the town and could be acquired for Non-profit multi-use integrating arts with local civic organizations. This building is commercially zoned with plenty of parking. Has potential for grant for operating costs. Site visit recommended for further studies.

- Updates on Grants

CCC members received updated letter from Lisa Simmons re: FY21 LCC Grant cycle. This letter contained info re: grant deadlines and information pertaining to virtual programs applications. See attached.

Currently, each grant applicant for FY2020 were sent 2 letters from Janet O'Connor advising them of one year extension and changes in date or venue (in person or virtual). Some grant recipients have responded.

- Local CCC

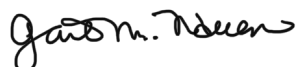
Our committee plans to utilize the spread sheets that the state provides for better record keeping. Each grant has its own reference number.

Janet O'Connor introduced to discussion the Direct Grant Program. In it, the MCC would pay directly to the grantee and there would be no need to go through the town's finance office for grant payments. Our committee favorably responded.

Ms. O'Connor discussed the issue of open meeting laws with Veronica Ramirez Martell from MCC. Q & A through email, phone, virtual are protected by open meeting laws as long as no decision is voted on.

- Next meeting scheduled, Thursday, Nov. 19 ZOOM or Town Hall.
Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail M. Nauen

From: "Simmons, Lisa (ART)" <lisa.simmons@state.ma.us>
Subject: LCC GRANT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 12/14 Date:
October 29, 2020 at 5:08:15 PM EDT To:
"gailmnauen@gmail.com" <gailmnauen@gmail.com>

Thank you for your continued service and working with us to ensure that the FY21 Grant Cycle moves forward through this unprecedented time. The Communities Initiative team members at Mass Cultural Council have heard from councils and applicants alike that it is difficult to be mindful of all changes to guidelines and timelines in the FY21 cycle. In response, we have made the **decision to extend the FY21 LCC Grant Cycle to December 14, 2020 at 11:59pm.**

October 29, 2020 Dear Gail Nauen,

Here are some crucial updates that will affect the current grant cycle:

1. Updating or Modifying Local Council Priorities Between now and November 13, 2020 at 5pm, LCCs are encouraged to remove requirements, restrictions, and barriers that may have been carried over from previous years, that no longer make sense given the current reality of the COVID-19 pandemic - requirements such as venue letters or online only applications for communities that have little to no internet access.

Local Cultural Councils should not make changes that would make any currently submitted applications ineligible, only changes that broaden local criteria to be more inclusive and flexible are allowed. LCCs who choose to take advantage of this opportunity also need to publicize the change to their community and should modify the date the local priorities were updated on their public webpage.

2. FY21 LCC Grant Deadline Extended: December 14, 2020 11:59 EST The State Legislature just approved another one-month operating budget through the end of November. This additional delay in setting the annual state budget means that the earliest possible time the Mass Cultural Council can determine and announce LCC allocations is January. If any additional one-month budgets are passed, it would delay that further.

Because of this delay, difficulty of LCCs securing virtual meeting spaces, and applicants navigating new guidance around virtual programs, the Mass Cultural Council has made the decision to extend the FY21 LCC

grant application deadline to December 14, 2020 at 11:59 EST. This change will allow not only applicants more time to review and prepare their applications around new guidelines, but also allow Local Cultural Councils more flexibility to make any changes to their local priorities and to publicize the grant cycle and do additional outreach to and support of applicants.

We have created a new guidance document for FY21 as well as FAQ's for applicants that you can share with your community. For additional information and guidance around the FY21 grant cycle, please refer to:

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[Guidance and FAQ's for Local Cultural Councils](#)

[Guidance and FAQ's for Applicants.](#)

3. 2021

Annual Report Deadline Extension: Monday, March 1,

Due to the delay, the deadline to submit the **Annual Report is now Tuesday, March 1, 2021**. We advise LCCs to look ahead and schedule council voting meetings to take place between January 11 and February 13. **February 13 is the latest date disapprovals letters/emails can be sent** to unsuccessful applicants order to observe the reconsideration period and meet the Annual Report deadline.

Please note, if the State Legislature and Governor do not approve an FY21 State Budget by the end of November, the voting meetings and annual report dates may need to change. We will notify you at the end of November if that happens.

If you need any further support, please contact your [Community Initiative Program Officer](#).

Sincerely, Lisa Simmons

Lisa Simmons Community Initiative Program Manager

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