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Agawam Cultural Council Announces Grant Awards for FY2022

The Agawam 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.

Decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board of municipally appointed volunteers. Members of the Agawam Cultural Council who were in attendance to vote this round included: Mary Jane Augusti, Shirley Cusluski, Jane Eitel, Donna Fitzgerald, Bob Kadis, Doug Reed, Elsa Rosenak, Ceil Rossi, Joan Sieczkowski, and DeVon Thompson.

For FY2022, thirty-five grants were approved, totaling \$23,285. A \$2,400 local cultural council program was created to provide First, Second, and Third-Place monetary awards for the winners of a 2022 Writing Contest for Agawam High School Seniors.

The Agawam Cultural Council will seek online applications for the FY2023 grant cycle starting September 1, 2022. Grant information is available from the Agawam Cultural Council website: www.agawamcc.org, click on “Grants”. Applications will be due Monday, October 17, 2022.

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List of Agawam Cultural Council Approved FY2022 Grants

Applicant	Local Partner - Venue	Project Title	Grant Award Amount
Andrew Harms	Agawam church	Folk, Jazz, and Film Music for Trumpet and Piano	\$600
Roger L. Tincknell	Agawam Head Start	Children's Songs and Singing Games	\$500
Agawam Historical Association, Inc.	Agawam Historical Association, Inc.	Large format archival storage	\$2,500
Matt York	Agawam Public Library	Songs and Stories - The Highwaymen	\$450
Chefiatou Tokou	Agawam Public Library	Building a creative Mind through African Dance for individual Mental health and community growth	\$1,000

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Gregory Maichack	Agawam Public Library	The Jellyfish: How to Pastel Paint	\$520
Trevor Smith	Agawam Senior Center	Laugh for the Fun of it: Creating Healthy Lifestyles through Laughter	\$250
Roger L. Tincknell	Agawam Senior Center	Elvis to the Everly Brothers	\$360
Agawam Rotary Club, Inc.	Agawam Senior Center	Holiday Concert with Richie Mitnick and Friends	\$420
Hubert Naggar	Agawam Senior Center	Spun & Blown Glass Demonstrations with Distribution of glass items.	\$500
Antonia Moore	AJHS & online	Financial Literacy Zines	\$350
The Captain Charles Leonard House, Inc.	Captain Charles Leonard House	2021-2022 Program of Events	\$3,500
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Fourth Grade Reflection with Thousand Cranes Art	\$500
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Forest Park Zoo On The Go	\$500
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Storrowton Look Back	\$280
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Earth Dome	\$700
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Bash the Trash Environmental Arts	\$795
Clifford M. Granger Elementary School	Granger Elementary School	Smart and Responsible Choices School Assembly	\$700

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MUSIC Dance.edu	Heritage	Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise For Seniors!	\$380
Hilltown Families, Inc.	Online / Virtual	Hilltown Families Suggests	\$50
Authors and Artists Festival	Online / Virtual	Authors and Artists Festival	\$250
Valley Arts Mentors	Online / Virtual	Virtual Mentorship Program and Webinar Series	\$300
Sevenars Concerts, Inc.	Online / Virtual	Sevenars 54th Anniversary Season	\$700
Benjamin J. Phelps School	Phelps School	Forest Park - Zoo On The Go	\$350
Benjamin J. Phelps School	Phelps School	Mad Science Assembly - Science Behind Superheroes	\$355
Benjamin J. Phelps School	Phelps School	Prismatic Magic Laser Show - Spring Jam	\$400
Benjamin J. Phelps School	Phelps School	Forest Park Zoo Field Trip & Discovery Program	\$375
Benjamin J. Phelps School	Phelps School	Storrowton Village - Look Back	\$500
Judy Duffy	Polish Club Feeding Hills Mass	New England Mosaic Project	\$600
Ceil Rossi	Polish Club Feeding Hills Mass	3RD ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL	\$1,000
Jesse M. Green	Roberta G. Doering School	CHAINSAWS, CHEESEBURGERS AND ROCK N' ROLL- LIVE!	\$500
Edward Wirt	School Street Park Darcy Davis Band Shell	New England Swing Orchestra Concert or Dance	\$800

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Kenneth Longstreeth	School Street Park Darcy Davis Band Shell	FREE CONCERT BY JEFF GAVIOLI AND HIS BAD NEWS JAZZ AND BLUES ORCHESTRA FEATURING CINDY REED	\$1,050
Agawam Coordinated Family & Community Engagement	School Street Park Pavilion (Corey Street, Agawam)	Forest Park Zoo On The Go	\$400
Maurice Lindsay	WGGB abc-40 WesternMass News Station	Caribbean Connection	\$850