

Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire

What it is: The Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. Each year, local councils award more than \$3 million in grants to more than 6,000 cultural programs statewide. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen.



With funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire County (CCNB) provides grants to help underwrite projects, programs, and events in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. We are committed to supporting the work of local artists, cultural institutions, schools, and other groups in sustaining and enriching the diverse creative community of the northern Berkshires, with a focus on making cultural activities accessible and engaging to all.

Applicants

Individuals, schools, and organizations can apply for funding cultural projects. This is only open to projects that benefit residents from one of the 11 municipalities we represent. These municipalities are: Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Hancock, Lanesborough, New Ashford, North Adams, Monroe, Savoy & Williamstown.

Council Members

Ideally there are two representatives from each municipality. Occasionally a town or city doesn't have representation and someone from a neighboring community fills that space. We meet 5-6 times a year, at night, for about two hours. In reviewing grant applications, there is about 8-15 hours of committee work. We divide the council according to types of grants: visual art, performing arts, schools, humanities, and sciences. In committee we read grant applications, deliberate and then bring that information back to the full council where we determine our final awards.

Three of the meetings happen in the fall. One in late October, one or two (if needed) in December. Committee work happens between the meeting in October and the meeting in December. We then meet 2-3 times in the spring to plan and discuss future marketing and grant cycle information.



How to become a member: To become a representative of your town or a neighboring community or a community you work in, you would need to petition the Select Board or the town clerk of that town and then wait for appointment.