



Sheffield Cultural Council

Helping to fund culture, history,
environmental awareness, arts,
and the humanities for our community.

Sheffield Cultural Council Community Input Survey

The Sheffield Cultural Council is collecting opinions to help us set our funding priorities for the next three years. Please take a moment to complete this survey. Thank you!

1. Our Community

- What do you consider to be important issues relating to culture in our community (i.e., preserving our history, environmental awareness, special population group needs, meeting school needs, etc.)?

- What might artists, arts, cultural and non-profit organizations do to make ours a more livable, prosperous community?

- The Sheffield Cultural Council receives an allotment of about \$3,800 per year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to grant to individuals, organizations, and for school and after-school projects. Typically, 15 to 20 small grants are made, in the range of \$200.

Were you aware that artists, schools and community groups could apply for small grants from the Sheffield Cultural Council? ___ Yes ___ No

2. How do you hear about cultural activities that interest you?

- _____ Berkshire Eagle
- _____ Berkshire Record
- _____ Sheffield Times
- _____ Town website
- _____ Notices at the library
- _____ Notices at the senior center
- _____ Posters around town
- _____ Cable access channel
- _____ Word of mouth
- _____ Radio (which stations?) _____
- _____ Other: _____

3. What should be the most important priorities that our council considers for funding?

Please rank at least your top three recommendations, with "1" for most important, "2" for the next, etc.

- ___ Nature, science, environmental awareness education projects
- ___ Arts education in the schools
- ___ Restoration or preservation projects
- ___ Community-wide gatherings: festivals, concerts, plays
- ___ Farmers' Market
- ___ Field trips for students to museums or performances
- ___ Projects celebrating local history
- ___ Projects supporting cultural diversity
- ___ Support for community arts and cultural organizations
- ___ Youth arts, science, environmental programs outside of school
- ___ Local cable programming
- ___ Other: _____

4. Do you have additional comments or suggestions for the Sheffield Cultural Council?

5. Optional Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please put me on the Cultural Council's e-mail or mailing list.

Thank you for participating in this survey!

Your members are Sally Chamberlain Cook, Anne Dunn, Marcia Friedman, Jamie Foster, Trudy Miller, David Reed and Amber Spring.

For complete guidelines and information on the Sheffield Cultural Council, please access the Sheffield Cultural Council's Local Guidelines online at <http://www.mass-culture.org/Sheffield>. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available there.



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The Sheffield Cultural Council *at a glance...*

What is the Sheffield Cultural Council?

The Sheffield Cultural Council is comprised of members of the Sheffield and Ashley Falls community. It oversees money each year given by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to help to fund projects and activities in our community and our schools.

The Sheffield 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.

Last year, the Sheffield Cultural Council distributed about \$4,000 in grants. Previously funded projects include: The Eagles Band Dance Concert (fund-raiser for the Friends of the Sheffield Senior Center); an exhibit for Sheffield Historical Society; musical entertainment for the Sheffield Land Trust, a variety of programs for the Bushnell-Sage Library and the Sheffield Senior Center, local scholarships for the Berkshire Children's Chorus, project support for the Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society, local scholarships for children at the IS183 Art School, and school programs for Sculpture Now, Applause Youth Theatre Company, and Flying Cloud Institute.

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