

Sheffield Cultural Council Meeting
Monday March 12, 2020
Sheffield Town Hall

Present: Marcia Brolli, Brece Honeycutt, Amy Rudnick, Hilary Russell

- The council convened at 1:00 PM.
- The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Veronica Ramirez Martell, our representative from the MA Cultural Council.
- The following points were raised either by Veronica, Amy, or by other council members present:

- Grant recipients may ask for extensions because of the Covid-19 virus or for some other reason. The Council will be able to grant these extensions, even if the extension means carrying over to 2021.

- Amy brought up the possibility that the Sheffield Fair, having been given an extension until September of 2021, might not have the same entertainers. Veronica said that as long as the replacements were similar and the same amount of funds were needed, a new application would not be needed.

- About 50% of the grantees have not collected their grants. Amy will remind them to do so. She will also remind grantees that in order to apply for another grant, the recipient must submit a final report. The Council can set a due date for these reports.

- Veronica introduced us to Mass Cultural Council Programs where local councils can apply to use up to 15% of their allotment for a cultural program which the citizens have requested. We can supplement the allotment with as much of the monies from our local fund-raising campaign as we want. Some examples of these programs are as follows: Artist Fellowships, Festivals, Communications and Online Services, Creative Youth Development, and much more. Veronica distributed some hand-outs with details.

- Veronica will keep in touch with us about activities in other Cultural Councils.

- The meeting ended at 2:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Hilary Russell