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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **New Bedford Cultural Council to Meet and Vote on 2015-2016 Grant Proposals**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** – The New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) will hold a meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:15pm in the Ashley Room at New Bedford City Hall. Members of the NBCC will vote to select the 2015-16 grant proposals to receive funding. Agencies and individuals who submitted 2015-2016 grant proposals are invited to observe.

The New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) is a local funding agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) supporting programs that promote education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The NBCC is charged with making funding decisions that best meet the particular needs and priorities of the New Bedford community within the parameters of the broader MCC guidelines. The NBCC determines its eligibility requirements based on a community input process and these are incorporated into their local guidelines and published to the MCC public web page.

The NBCC is charged with making funding decisions that best meet the particular needs and priorities of the New Bedford community based on the annual Community Input Survey. New Bedford Cultural Council grants are open to individual artists, arts organizations, community organizations and municipal agencies. All projects funded by the NBCC must be based in New Bedford and must benefit the citizens of New Bedford through exhibits, performances, readings, demonstrations, or by other means.

Grants are awarded to individuals and organizations, with a maximum amount of \$4,000.00 per individual or organization, or \$1,500.00 per school for field trip grants. For more information visit [www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford](http://www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford) or email [newbedfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordcc@gmail.com).

The total funding available this year is \$70,700.00. The window of eligibility is July 1, 2015-December 31, 2016. Grant recipients have one year from the award date to complete the project and receive reimbursement. The project must be publicized and handicapped accessible.

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