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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **New Bedford Cultural Council to Host Information Session on 2015-16 Available Grant Funding**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts** –The New Bedford Cultural Council (NBCC) will host an “Information Session and Slide Slam” *on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the New Bedford Art Museum* (608 Pleasant Street). NBCC members will be on hand to answer questions about the upcoming 2015-16-grant cycle and 2014-15 NBCC grant recipients will present slides and describe their projects. This event is open to the public.

The NBCC is now accepting grant proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programs. Grant applications are due Thursday, October 15, 2015. This year, the New Bedford Cultural Council will distribute \$70,700 in grant funding to support community programming. 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.

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. Grants with a maximum amount of \$4,000.00 are awarded to individuals and organizations.

NBCC funds programs that promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for city residents. NBCC ensures that New Bedford's share of Massachusetts Cultural Council funds are administered fairly and in the best interests of the community.

All NBCC 2015-16 grant applications and accompanying materials are due by Thursday, October 15, 2015. These may be mailed to the NBCC P.O. Box 2027 New Bedford, MA 02741, postmarked no later than, October 15, 2015, or may be hand delivered to the Mayor's Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall, by 4:00pm on October 15. **No late applications will be accepted.**

For more information, and to download an application, visit [www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford](http://www.mass-culture.org/New-Bedford) or email [newbedfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:newbedfordcc@gmail.com)

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