

Lancaster Cultural Council Meeting
2024 Grant Cycle Application Review
December 19, 2023



Present: Lisa Beaudry, Christine Cassidy, Joyce Corbosiero, Suzanne Turcotte, Deb Adams
Absent: Emily Taylor

1. Call to order

Clerk Lisa Beaudry called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Meeting minutes

Deb Adams served as secretary for the meeting.

3. Available funds reviewed

Deb Adams reported that she worked with Community Program Officer, Hanako Brais and the Town Accountant to complete the Annual Report to determine the funds available for the FY2024 grant cycle. (\$7900 FY24 plus \$1050 unspent from FY2022 for a total of \$8950.)

4. Voting on 2024 grant applications

The committee members reviewed each of the 19 grant applications submitted in the grant management tracking system. Each application was reviewed and discussed prior to voting on whether to approve funding. Sixteen applications were either fully or partially funded and three applications were not funded due to not having a secured venue and/or low public benefit. Lisa Beaudry recused herself from the discussion and vote on one application (Seven Bridge Writers) to avoid any conflict of interest. The committee approved reserving \$50 from available funds to cover any administrative or advertising expenses in 2024.

6. Next steps

Denied applicants will be notified and will have 15 days to request reconsideration from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. At the conclusion of the 15 day period if there are no reconsideration requests, the approved applicants will be notified.

7. New business - none

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

Lisa Beaudry adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

