

Framingham Cultural Council FY2017 Annual Report - June 30, 2017

The FCC makes decisions on how to distribute funds from the Mass Cultural Council. Awards from these and other funds are made to best serve the cultural needs of Framingham.

For 2017 the Massachusetts Cultural Council gave the FCC \$20,300. We also received \$4,500 from corporate donations and used funds from the other accounts to award 26 grants totaling \$30,257 out of the 34 grant applications requesting a total of \$45,114. Of these 26 grants, 23 are for artistic, humanities or science related projects and 3 provide subsidies for school children to attend cultural events. The grants are for exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

Three Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship awards were awarded. The first prize recipient was Jordana Kagan and the second prize recipient was Andrew Caira, both are seniors at Framingham High School and submitted the script of an original play with their application. An honorable recognition award went to Kelsi MacDonald, a senior at Keefe Technical High School who submitted a graphic design for a holiday card with her application.

The FCC held an awards reception in the Costin Room of the Main Library where, in addition to the above awards, the Contributor of the Year award was given to the Scott Greenberg, Vice President at Framingham State University, for his work to bring Lifelong Learning Classes to the Framingham Community. The programs are the result of a great partnership between two institutional gems: Framingham State University and the Framingham Public Library. The Special Recognition Award was given to Maria Soma, Park and Recreation Administrator, for her outstanding support of the Cultural Council

Respectfully submitted: Joel Winett, Chair; Esther Powell, Vice-Chair; Katie O'Callaghan Fallone, Treasurer; Kurt Fusaris; Philip Kaplan, Lois Levick; Judy Levine, Diane Markowitz, John Tessitore, and Cindy Camuso (Ex-Officio).